

Candidates Take Revenue Loss Question as the Election Nears

We pose four questions to the nine candidates seeking election to the Greenbelt City Council on November 3, with one question answered per week. Last week we printed the candidates' views on the changed new election procedures. The responses are limited to 300 words. The order in which the responses are published is determined by lot. This week we publish their answers to the final question, about their approach to the likely loss of city revenues due to the economy.

With property values down and state and federal shared revenue cut or eliminated, the city can expect less growth in revenue than in the past or even significant loss of revenue. If so, what specific changes to the budget will you seek if the choice becomes one of either increasing taxes and fees or cutting programs and services?

Judith Davis

The City faces revenue shortfalls for the next three years. Though the City Manager is first to propose a budget, it is ultimately the Council's responsibility to approve a balanced budget based on the City's goals,

the needs expressed by our citizens, and a realistic expectation of income. Managing resources involves more than "not spending." It's very easy to say "no" to everything. It is much harder to assess needs, set priorities and do the required research to decide where the money should go. I have asked during our budget process for any Council member who wants a lowered tax rate to offer specific cuts large enough to do so. No one has. I have offered concrete proposals covering a wide-range of immediate needs while mindful of our goals not to raise the tax rate and not to eliminate staff.

Increasing productivity, lessen-

ing utility use and closely overseeing supply purchases will improve efficiency and reduce expenses. Fees could be raised, as was done to cover costs of rental inspections and police response to false alarms. Applying for advantageous grants is essential, as is urging our Congressional and State delegations to locate funds for high cost items, such as interoperable police radios.

Some projects could be deferred, but delaying roadwork or equipment purchase could result in greater expense when the project is finally completed or when an opportunity is lost to purchase

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Final Candidates Night Heavy On Format, Light on Content

by Thomas X. White

Starting promptly at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 15, the fourth and last Candidates Forum for the nine persons vying for the seven available seats on the next Greenbelt City Council got underway at the city's Springhill Lake Recreation Center in Greenbelt West. The Candidates Night, sponsored by the Prince George's County Chapter of the League of Women Voters (LWV), was moderated by Carol Conors, a League member.

She explained that after the LWV offered to sponsor a candidate forum in advance of the

Greenbelt council election, they were encouraged to conduct one in the Empirian Village/Greenbelt West area of the city. Although the turn-out was good, the intended purpose of attracting citizens residing in Empirian Village was not realized.

As part of his opening statement, when incumbent Councilmember Edward Putens asked the audience of just under 50 people how many were from Empirian Village, just two persons raised their hands. The balance of other attendees were interested residents of Greenbelt East and

Greenbelt Center and friends of the nine candidates.

Following a brief commercial for the LWV in which Conors invited membership in the organization that is open to both men and women, she outlined the rules of engagement. She noted that no Greenbelt residents from the LWV were participating and that she would be assisted by a timekeeper and a floor assistant gathering written questions for submission to the moderator.

The nine candidates were

See **FORUM**, page 10

Filmmakers Near and Far Come Here for Fifth Utopia Filmfest

by Susan Gervasi

This weekend's Fifth Anniversary Utopia Film Festival, being held at venues throughout Greenbelt October 24 and 25, will draw not only local independent filmmakers but directors from across the country who will attend screenings of their works and chat with audiences afterward.

One such filmmaker is Chicagoan June Finfer, whose documentary, "Green Towns U.S.A.: A New Deal," examines how America's three Depression-era "green towns" – Greenbelt; Greenhills, Ohio; and Greendale, Wisconsin – are faring in the 21st century. Finfer will attend the 2 p.m. Sunday, October 25 screening of her film at the P&G

Old Greenbelt Theater – its premiere film festival showing – to answer audience questions.

"It started as an historic documentary but became a social action film," said Finfer. "The town of Greenhills was really endangered."

Finfer became interested in the challenges facing the three Green Towns when she learned from a Chicago friend, who worked with her on the film, about developers' attempts to tear down some of Greenhills' historic buildings. The film deals with Greenhills' problems while exploring the history and presents of all three communities.



Finfer interviewed a number of Greenbelt residents, including Mayor Judith Davis, for her project. "I was impressed by Greenbelt residents' and leaders' awareness of the original plan and philosophy [of the Green Towns concept] and their dedication to maintaining its integrity," said Finfer.

"Generations of Greenbelters are carrying on the ideals of that time that were given expression in streets and structures. People here remember and understand."

Other Guests

Also attending Utopia will

See **FILMFEST**, page 12

City Registration Figures As of October 11, 2009

Precinct	Nov. 2005	Nov. 2007	Oct. 2009	Change 2007-09
3 – Center	2,649	2,587	2,787	+7.7%
6 – North End	2,132	2,105	2,297	+9.1%
8 – Empirian	2,278	1,928	2,413	+25.2%
13 – Greenbriar	4,291	4,048	2,541	+14.6%
18 – Turning Pt.	–	–	2,097	
TOTAL	11,350	10,668	12,135	+13.8%

Candidates Vie for Seven Slots in Coming Election

by Mary Moien

Greenbelt City history will be made on November 3. For the first time seven city councilmembers will be elected to office up from a five-member council. Over 12,000 residents are registered to vote in this historic election. A significant effort to register voters was undertaken this summer and fall, resulting in a 14 percent increase in registrations and a 25 percent increase in Empirian Village (formerly Springhill Lake Apartments).

On the campaign trail are all five incumbents – long-timers Judith F. Davis, Rodney M. Roberts and Edward V. J. Putens and relative newcomers Leta M. Mach and Konrad E. Herling. Four challengers are also seeking election – Kelly Ivy, Emmett Jordan, Silke Pope and Che Sayles.

This year, also for the first time in a city election, there will be five precincts – one in Greenbelt West, two in the Center City and now two in Greenbelt East. Greenbelt East was first divided into two precincts in time for last year's presidential election.

Voter Statistics

At the close of voter registration this year, 12,135 city residents are eligible to vote in the election, an increase of almost 14 percent over the last city election

and over 8 percent higher than the number of residents registered for the 2008 presidential election. This compares to a 6 percent decrease between the 2005 and 2007 city elections.

For a number of years the old Greenbelt East's precinct 13 had the largest number of eligible voters. Now, that precinct has been divided in two, precinct 13 and precinct 18. For 2009, Greenbelt Center, precinct 3, has the largest number of eligible voters at 2,789, followed by precinct 13 with 2,541. All precinct statistics are shown in the table that accompanies this article.

The 2007 election had the lowest turnout – 17.8 percent – of any municipal election in more than a decade. The highest voter turnout in recent history was 25.1 percent in 1995. Contributing to the low turnouts over recent years were dismal turnouts in precinct 8, the former Springhill Lake Apartments. Only 2 percent of registered voters there voted in the 2007 election. This compared with the highest turnouts in precinct 6 (North End) at 29.9 percent and in precinct 3 (Greenbelt Center) at 28.0 percent. Old precinct 13 (Greenbelt East) had 12.5 percent of those registered voting.

Empirian Village Fire, see page 15

What Goes On

Saturday, October 24

9 a.m. to noon, Electronics Recycling, Public Works Yard

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Autumn Fest on the Green, Empirian Village Community Center

6 to 8 p.m., Daddy Daughter Dance, Community Center

Saturday, October 24 and Sunday, October 25 – Utopia Film Fest

Monday, October 26

8 p.m., Council Meeting, Municipal Building

Thursday, October 29

8 p.m., Four Cities Meeting, Municipal Building

Saturday, October 31

1 to 5 p.m., Rescheduled Fall Fest, Schrom Hills Park

6 to 8 p.m., Community-wide Trick or Treating. Those wishing to take part in treating are asked to put something white on their door or turn on porch lights.

Letters

What's Important?

The latest incident of racist graffiti (and the previous one) inspired our city council to offer a \$1,000 reward for information leading to arrest(s). Except perhaps to motivate another offense and generate ignominious press, the reward offer has not worked as council intended.

I did not notice council offer a \$1,000 reward after last week's shooting in Greenbelt West nor after a Latino father of four and his nephew were gunned down by men in ski masks near Empirian Village this month. Nor for the assailant (also still at large) who stabbed a youth in Roosevelt Center on Labor Day weekend.

Are the scribblings of some anti-social provocateur in center city or a few teen taggers, more important to our city council than actual victims of violence in Greenbelt? How bizarre.

Council issued a strong statement of disapproval over the graffiti. Not so over any of the violence. Not one official council statement of sympathy or concern or action. Why the convoluted priorities from our local leadership? What value have council members assigned by implication to the victims? Apparently less than a dozen noxious words on a wall.

But we have a choice: focus on obscure, albeit offensive, graffiti or focus on the real problems of violence that threaten our community, city-wide, unacceptably often.

Let's put aside the words on a wall. Let's focus on the broken lives.

Andy Carruthers

Woodland Hills Celebrates 50 Years

Greenbelt's Woodland Hills Community will hold a 50-plus year anniversary celebration on November 8 from 3 to 7 p.m. at Greenbelt Community Church (1 Hillside Road). Past and present residents of Northway and Woodland Way will be able to share stories, photos and films of this neighborhood and Greenbelt generally.

There is a fee to cover the cost of the venue, refreshments and a CD of historic records and photos.

For more information or to send photos, documents or information for the CD or website email woodlandhills@greenbelt.com, leave a message at 301-474-5773 or visit <http://spril.com/WoodlandHills/>.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF OCT. 23

Capitalism:
A Love Story
(R)

Friday
*4:45, 7:30, 9:55

Saturday
*4:45, 7:30, 9:55

Sunday
*4:45, 7:30

Monday - Thursday
*5, 7:30

*These shows at \$6.00
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New Deal Café Upcoming Events

Every Thursday, including October 22, Amy C. Kraft and the Mid-Day Melodies get New Deal Café music off to an early start from noon to 2 p.m. Then from 7 to 9 p.m. the Songwriters Association of Washington will host the open microphone session held on the fourth Thursday of each month.

Piano Man John Guernsey plays jazz and blues 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Friday, October 23 (every Friday and Saturday). Following, from 8 to 11 p.m. is a chance to whoop and dance to old-time acoustic blues, complete with washtub bass and jug, with Snakehead Run.

Saturday, October 24 from 4 to 6 p.m. features classical guitar "Wunderboy" Bruce Krittr. From 8 to 11 p.m., it's Djesben – not a typical jazz trio – playing a variety of instruments including conga drum, dulcimer and a 10-string tapping instrument with the range of a piano.

Sunday, October 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jim Stimson brings back the 1500s with his replica lutes (first and fourth Sundays monthly). Zekiah Swampcats finish the day with bluegrass from 5 to 8 p.m.

Steve Haug brings folk songs to the Café on Tuesday, October 27 from 7 to 9 p.m.

All are invited to a Cajun Music Jam on Wednesday, October 28 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Open microphone session for music, storytelling, reading of prose or poetry starts at 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 29, ending at 9 p.m.

Next Weekend

Friends of Alan Turnbull and fans of good rockin' mostly acoustic music are invited to hear his band, Long Time Coming, on Friday, October 30 from 8 to 11 p.m.

Café Halloween

The Galt Line duo will play from 8 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, October 31, Halloween, with a chance for everyone to dance their socks off.

November starts with bluegrass and country tunes by the Lonesome Pine Bluegrass Band from 5 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, November 1.

All events are free. For more information call Chef Karim Kmaiha at 301-474-5642 or visit www.newdealcafe.com.



Clean Energy Use Earns Recognition

On October 20 the clean energy company Clean Currents donated \$1,200 to the Greenbelt Community Foundation as a result of members of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. and other Greenbelt residents participating in the "Green Neighborhood Effect" program.

In the Green Neighborhood Effect program, Clean Currents gives neighborhoods 45 days to encourage residents to switch from traditional power sources like BGE and PEPCO to wind power. Clean Currents donates \$10 for every household that makes the switch to wind power to a green project of the community's choice. Greenbelt Homes, Inc. is the first group to take advantage of the program.

"We were eager to find ways to help Greenbelt residents reduce their carbon footprint, and were impressed with this wind power community program," said Gretchen Overdurff, General Manager at Greenbelt Homes, Inc. "We reduced the carbon footprint of the neighborhood, helped individual energy users save money and raised money for the Greenbelt Community Foundation."

Prostate Testing At Capitals Game

The Washington Capitals will promote prostate cancer awareness and the value of early detection at its Tuesday, October 27 home game in support of ZERO – The Project to End Prostate Cancer, a national organization that provides free prostate cancer testing and educational information to men locally and across the U.S.

Preceding the game, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., ZERO will provide free prostate cancer tests at the Verizon Center, 601 F Street NW, Washington, D.C. Screening consists of a simple blood test and an optional physical exam. No appointment is necessary.

The American Urological Association recommends a baseline PSA test and physical exam for all men age 40 and older. The reason testing is critical is that there are no noticeable symptoms while the cancer is still in its early stages.

Prostate cancer affects one in every six men, a rate on par with breast cancer. African Americans and men with a family history are at a higher risk for developing and dying of prostate cancer.

For more information visit www.zerocancer.org/index.html.

Grin Belt

"Funny that you associate this hat with balloon squirrel not gourmet chef."

EARLY VOTING THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, Oct. 24, 9am to 1pm

Sunday, Oct. 25, 11am to 2pm

Springhill Lake Recreation Center

6101 Cherrywood Lane

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OPENING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23 ~ GOOD SEATS STILL AVAILABLE

Special "Annie" Halloween Matinee

Saturday Afternoon, October 31

Goodie Bags ~ Costume Contest (Kids & Adults)

Musical Entertainment by the Screech Boys

October 23 - November 21

Friday and Saturday

Evenings

Sunday Matinees

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Community Events

At the Library

Storytimes
A librarian will read age-appropriate stories.
Tuesday, October 27, 1:30 and 2 p.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies for each group.
Wednesday, October 28, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.
Thursday, October 29, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages three to five years, limit 20 children.
Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children's Desk.

GHI Notes

Saturday, October 24, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Leaf bags will be distributed at garage #21 on Parkway.
Wednesday, October 28, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee – Board Room
7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee – GHI Lobby
Friday, October 30, Offices Closed (Emergency maintenance available. Call 301-474-6011.)
Monday, November 2, 7 p.m., Companion Animal Grief Support Group – GHI Library
7 p.m., Member & Community Relations – GHI Lobby
Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

Exploring Insurance

The next Explorations Unlimited presentation will be about insurance and will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, October 30. Come find out about rights and obligations in these tough economic times from Joy Y. Hatchette, Maryland Insurance Administration Associate Commissioner of Insurance for Consumer Education. Prior to becoming associate commissioner for Consumer Education and Advocacy in July 2004, Hatchette was Associate Commissioner for Consumer Complaints. The Consumer Education and Advocacy unit is responsible for providing consumers with information so they are better able to understand their rights and obligations under their insurance policies. It also attempts to facilitate prompt resolution of automobile and homeowners claims through a special pilot program. Hatchette, an attorney, is a graduate of the University of Virginia and a member of the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia Bars.
During these tough economic times, many consumers are looking for ways to save money on expenses including on their insurance. It is a good idea to review policies to be sure one is not paying too much or paying for more than is needed. The session will provide tips to help review policies and assure insurance customers are getting what they pay for.
Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

More Community
Events appear throughout
the newspaper.

A Familiar Face to Be Bagging at Safeway

Elected officials will be bagging groceries for a good cause at Safeway stores around the region for the rest of October. They are helping raise money for Safeway's month-long breast cancer fundraising campaign by bagging groceries at checkout stands and requesting donations.
In Greenbelt, County Councilmember Ingrid Turner will be at the Greenway Safeway store on Thursday, October 29 at 11:30 a.m.
Safeway's goal is \$1.6 million in the mid-Atlantic region; the funds will go to local organizations including the Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center and for studies at Inova Hospital and Georgetown University.

Glorious Grain Event At Co-op Oct. 28

On Wednesday, October 28 as part of Co-op's continuing "Shop Healthy Series" there will be a special whole grains presentation by Ellen Siegel and Kim Rush-Lynch in the Co-op produce department from 7 to 8 p.m.
Whole grains are crucial to maintaining energy and vitality. They are full of complex carbohydrates, protein, fat, fiber, B-vitamins, vitamin E and minerals such as zinc, magnesium and iron. Many people consume a variety of whole grain products but most don't get enough of the whole grains themselves. Siegel and Rush-Lynch will demonstrate how to incorporate these powerful packages of nutrients into any meal. They will discuss the benefits of whole grains, proper preparation as well as the difference between whole grains and whole grain products. In celebration of National Celiac Awareness Month, the program will focus on gluten-free grains.
Attendance is free and open to everyone.
October 28 is Patron Appreciation Day. Those who attend the Glorious Grain event can also save five percent on purchases.
The next Shop Healthy event, on Healthy Holidays, will take place just before Thanksgiving, on November 18.



Trick or Treating in Greenbelt
6 to 8 p.m.
Saturday, October 31.

Schrom Hills Fall Fest Rescheduled

The Fall Fest at Schrom Hills Park has been rescheduled due to rain to Saturday, October 31 and will be held from 1 to 5 p.m.



Astronomical Society Has Galilean Nights

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt is sponsoring a star party on Saturday, October 24 beginning at about 6:45 p.m. at Northway Field in Greenbelt. The City Observatory will be open at that time. This event is part of the International Year of Astronomy 2009 Cornerstone Project, Galilean Nights, which will see amateur and professional astronomers, enthusiasts and the public taking to the streets all around the globe, pointing their telescopes to the wonders that Italian astronomer Galileo observed 400 years ago. The focus for Galilean Nights is the objects that Galileo observed including Jupiter and the moon, which will be well positioned in the night sky for observing.
Astronomical observing opportunities will continue the evening of Sunday, October 25 when a telescope will be set up in Roosevelt Center in Old Greenbelt beginning at about 7 p.m.
These events will be cancelled if the weather is hopelessly cloudy.

Astronomy Day

Earlier in the day on Saturday, from noon to 5:30 p.m., the Astronomical Society, along with the Howard B. Owens Science Center, will sponsor Fall Astronomy Day, featuring posters and displays about space and astronomy. It will be held at 9601 Greenbelt Road in Lanham (adjacent to DuVal High School).

Antique Car Show At Capitol Cadillac

Antique and classic Cadillacs will be on display rain or shine at the Annual Fall Cadillac La-Salle Show on Sunday, October 25, at Capitol Cadillac, 6500 Capitol Drive. The show will begin at 10 a.m., with awards to be presented at 3 p.m.
The theme of the show is the 75th Anniversary of Capitol Cadillac. Approximately 80 cars will be on display both inside and out. Admission is free.
For more information call Henry or Diane Ruby at 301-894-8026.

Councilmember Turner Reads at SHL School

On Friday, October 23 school bells will ring at Springhill Lake Elementary School at 9:30 a.m. for County Councilmember Ingrid Turner, who is visiting the school to stress the importance of reading to young children. Turner believes children should learn to love to read and that reading aloud is especially important in encouraging them to listen, ask questions and see that reading is fun.

Greenbriar/Glen Oaks Halloween Event

On Saturday, October 24 the Greenbriar/Glen Oaks Community Association is having a Children's Halloween Event. From 10 to noon children ages 4 to 12 can participate in a costume contest and make crafts to take home. Refreshments and treats will be provided for this free event in the Greenbriar Terrace Room. For further information contact Tiesha Eley at 301-441-1096 #2.

Cajun Jam at Café Next Wednesday

On Wednesday, October 28 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. there will be a Cajun Jam at the New Deal Café. It is free and for dancers, musicians and listeners. Beginners are welcome.
For details call 301-434-5642, email swopes123@aol.com or visit <http://www.newdealcafe.com/>.

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WOODLAND HILLS REUNION

Past and present Woodland Hills residents are invited to celebrate 50+ years of community **Nov. 8, 3 to 7 p.m.**, Greenbelt Community Church.
Costs to cover the venue, refreshments and a CD of historic records and photos will be \$10/person in advance (by November 1) payable to Woodway Community Development, Inc. and sent to Jim Heagy, Treasurer, 10 Woodland Way, Greenbelt, MD 20770 or \$15 at the door.
Please email woodlandhills@greenbelt.com, leave a message at 301-474-5773 or visit <http://spril.com/WoodlandHills/> for more info.

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Seniors: \$6.50
R = ID Required
(!) = No pass, (!!) No pass weekend

UFF Utopia Film Festival Week of OCT. 23

FRI.
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs, PG
11:20, 1:30, 3:40, 5:50, 8:10, 10:15
Paranormal Activity, R (!)
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Saw VI, R (!)
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Astro Boy, PG (!)
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The Vampire's Assistant, PG-13
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Law Abiding Citizen, R (!!)
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Where the Wild Things Are, PG (!!)
11:45, 2:30, 5:20, 7:50, 10:30
Stepfather, PG-13 (!!)
11:45, 2:30, 5:20, 8, 10:30
SAT.
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs, PG
11:20, 1:30, 3:40
Starship Farragut: Want for the Nile (UFF)
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The Fugue (UFF)
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Paranormal Activity, R (!)
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Stepfather, PG-13 (!!)
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Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs, PG
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Paranormal Activity, R (!)
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Saw VI, R (!)
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Astro Boy, PG (!)
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The Vampire's Assistant, PG-13
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Law Abiding Citizen, R
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Where the Wild Things Are, PG
12:25, 3, 5:40, 8:10
Stepfather, PG-13
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Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs, PG
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Paranormal Activity, R (!)
12:05, 2:40, 5:15, 7:40
Saw VI, R (!)
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Michael Jackson's "This Is It", PG
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Astro Boy, PG (!)
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Law Abiding Citizen, R
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Where the Wild Things Are, PG
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Stepfather, PG-13
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WED. – THUR.
Michael Jackson's "This Is It", PG
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Future of St. Hugh's School Is Now Under Discussion

by Mary Moien

Fr. Walter Tappe, pastor of St. Hugh's Church, called a consultation meeting of all St. Hugh's School parents and all parishioners on October 13. More than 100 people attended. The October 13 meeting was a follow up to the March 31, 2009, consultation, when serious declines in school enrollment and financial issues were shared with the school and parish community. Since March, the school and parish have worked very hard to raise funds for the school and to increase enrollment.

The pastor announced that enrollment is still extremely low at the school and he sees only three options: 1) Raise \$250,000 by November 30 to insure the school can stay open next school year (2010-2011); 2) close the school at the end of the current school year; or 3) investigate forming a regional school with St. Joseph's School in Beltsville. Fr. Tappe favors the last option as there would be room for all of the St. Hugh's students at the Beltsville school, thus allowing the students to stay together.

Fr. Tappe described a number of additional positive aspects of merging with St. Joseph's to form a regional school. He had recently brought up the idea with Fr. Michael Quill, pastor of St. Joseph's and Fr. Quill was very interested in having more detailed discussions. Fr. Tappe indicated that there would be a "vastly improved economy of scale" by having approximately 290 students supported by two parishes. He felt that there might be room for some St. Hugh's faculty and staff. The school would be run by both parishes, not by St. Joseph's alone. Fundraising would continue but would be focused on the proposed regional school. The St. Hugh's pastoral and financial boards all want to pursue this relationship.

A substantial amount of the parish funds have been used to keep the school open this year. In addition, the parish received a large unexpected bequest that was used for the school. But Fr. Tappe indicated that the parish cannot continue to operate with the financial losses of the school. If the first option were chosen, the parish would need to raise \$250,000 by the end of November for the 2010-2011 school year. In December, they would need to start raising another \$250,000 to keep the school operating the following year. He shared budget information with the attendees.

There were many parents and other church parishioners at the meeting, the latter representing both those who had children who had graduated from St. Hugh's in the past and those who just have a close attachment to the school.



Congratulations to:

– Bill Garren of 13 Ridge Road, who successfully completed his hike of the Appalachian Trail on September 27, 2009, when he climbed Mount Katahdin in Maine. He started his hike at Springer Mountain, Ga., on April 7. The Appalachian Trail goes through 14 states and is approximately 2,200 miles long. This was Bill's fourth through hike; he also hiked the full distance in 1998, 2002 and 2006.

– Former News Review reporter-intern Kelly Harmon, whose first fiction work, novella "Blood Soup," a dark fantasy about murder, betrayal and comeuppance, was recently published by Eternal Press and is available at Amazon.com. Harmon wrote for the News Review in the early 1990s when she was in school and works in Beltsville now as webmaster for the National Agricultural Library.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Springhill Lake/Empirian Village). To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland



Also present were representatives from the Archdiocese, members of the parish councils and Sue O'Brien, St. Hugh's assistant principal.

Discussion

Many present spoke following Father Tappe's announcement, including members of Save Our School, a group of school parents and parishioners who came together after the consultation in March to assist the school and parish in fundraising and enrollment efforts. One member of the group had a number of questions and concerns. She questioned some of the parish budget figures that had been provided and why some areas had significant increases. This woman later told the News Review that Fr. Tappe had arranged for her to meet with the financial council to review the parish expenditures. She was one of several speakers who indicated that St. Hugh's should start a pre-school class as a way to bring students into the school. There were also those who felt that the parish school should try an outreach to Hispanic families in Berwyn Heights and in Riverdale.

Several speakers were concerned by the need to make a quick decision. A member of the School Advisory Board reminded those present that four years ago the pastor had brought

See ST. HUGH's, page 22

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301-474-4322
Mass Schedule:
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe
Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd

Greenbelt Baptist Church

101 Greenhill Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212
www.greenbeltbaptist.org

Welcome!

Sunday	9:45 am	Sunday School
Sunday	11:00 am	Worship Service
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

ALL are Welcome!

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Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

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	9:00 am	Christian education for all ages
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	1:30 pm	Signed Mass (last Sunday of each month only)
Wednesdays:	7:00 pm	Simple, quiet Mass

An inclusive congregation!

Blessed is the soul which, at the hour of its separation from the body, is sanctified from the vain imaginings of the peoples of the world. Such a soul liveth and moveth in accordance with the Will of its Creator and entereth the all-highest Paradise. (Bahá'u'lláh)

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Municipal Building



City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 26, 2009 - 8:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

America Recycles Day Proclamation

Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

Minutes of Council Meetings

Administrative Reports

Committee Reports

LEGISLATION

OTHER BUSINESS

- Maryland Department of Transportation Capital Program Tour &

FY 2010-2015 Draft Consolidated Transportation Program

MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail cmurray@greenbeltnmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon at the Public Works Yard

City residents can recycle old and/or unwanted computers and other electronic items. Bring your items to the collection bins located at Greenbelt Public Works, 555 Crescent Road.

Accepted items include: TVs, CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, laptop computers, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, fax machines, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, alkaline batteries, CFLs and fluorescent tubes 4' and under (residential only).

New! Expanded Polystyrene (block "Styrofoam" #6).

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE FOR DROP-OFF OF MORE THAN 10 ITEMS OR ITEMS OVER 50 LBS. PLEASE CALL 301-474-8308 IN ADVANCE.

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION

ANY REGISTERED GREENBELT VOTER MAY CHOOSE TO VOTE BY EARLY VOTING or ABSENTEE VOTING!

NO MORE EXCUSES!

EARLY VOTING: This is the first municipal election in which any qualified voter of the City of Greenbelt may choose to vote by EARLY VOTING. The purpose of the change is to give an additional option to voters and make it easier to vote in City elections.

EARLY VOTING DATES AND LOCATIONS

Springhill Lake Recreation Ctr. 6101 Cherrywood Lane	Greenbelt Municipal Building 25 Crescent Road
Saturday, October 24th, 9am to 1pm and Sunday, October 25th, 11am to 2pm	October 19th–30th Mondays – Fridays 9am – 5pm Tuesdays until 8 pm

ABSENTEE VOTING: This is the third municipal election in which any qualified voter of the City of Greenbelt may choose to vote by absentee ballot. There is no longer any need to present an excuse for why you will be absent from your polling place on Election Day.

An **ABSENTEE BALLOT** may be requested in one of two ways. Each individual requesting a ballot must submit a separate, signed application form or letter.

- Fill out an application form that you may 1) pick up in the City Clerk's office, 2) request from the City Clerk by phone at 301-474-8000 or by e-mail at cmurray@greenbeltnmd.gov, or 3) print from the City's Web site at <http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov>; or
- Write a letter of application to the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, including your full name, domicile address in Greenbelt, signature, and telephone number.

Military service members, their families, and other U.S. citizens abroad who are covered under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act may also use the Federal Post Card Application (<http://www.fvap.gov>) to request an absentee ballot for City election.

Applications to receive absentee ballots must be received by noon on Monday, November 2, 2009. The completed ballot must be received by the City Clerk no later than 6 p.m. the day of the regular election, November 3, 2009. No absentee ballots will be distributed prior to October 14.

Return your executed absentee ballot by 1) sending it through the U.S. mail in time to arrive by November 3, 2) hand-delivering it to the City Clerk's office, or 3) placing it in the locked drop-box at the east door of the Municipal Building at 25 Crescent Road.

Questions? Call the City Clerk at 301-474-8000, or send email to cmurray@greenbeltnmd.gov.

ANIMAL SHELTER PETS OF THE MONTH



Chenille: Long haired gray and white female.



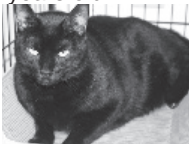
Rocco: 10 month old male Mastif Mix.



Kittens: Adorable black male kittens. 11 weeks old.



Cinnamon: High energy female 11/2 years old



white Jack Russel mix.
Batman: Big, Sweet, and Gentle black male

cat.

Please drop off donation for shelter at the site. Co-op box does not go to Greenbelt Animal Shelter.

Visit pets at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter on Wednesdays, from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm.

For more information on any of these pets, call 301.474.6124.

Property Tax Credit Information

The deadline for filing for the State property tax credit program, and thus Greenbelt's, has been extended to November 2nd.

Information and an application are available from the State of Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation and its website at www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/taxcredits.html.

NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

City of Greenbelt, Maryland- November 3, 2009

SAMPLE BALLOT

MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL (Vote for no more than seven)	
CHE SAYLES	<input type="checkbox"/>
JUDITH F. DAVIS	<input type="checkbox"/>
EDWARD V. J. PUTENS	<input type="checkbox"/>
LETA M. MACH	<input type="checkbox"/>
SILKE I. POPE	<input type="checkbox"/>
RODNEY M. ROBERTS	<input type="checkbox"/>
KELLY P. IVY, SR.	<input type="checkbox"/>
EMMETT V. JORDAN	<input type="checkbox"/>
KONRAD E. HERLING	<input type="checkbox"/>
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DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

Saturday, October 24, 6-8pm
Greenbelt Community Center,
15 Crescent Road

Dads and their Daughters grades K-8
\$25/Couple add \$10 for each additional daughter.

Treat your daughter to an evening she won't forget! Includes dinner, dancing, contests, door prizes and a 5x7 photo! Tickets now on sale at the Youth Center Business Office in the Youth Center, 99 Centerway. Mondays-Fridays from 9am-4:30pm. Or, you may call 301-397-2200 to order by phone.

FALL FEST AT SCHROM HILLS PARK

6915 Hanover Parkway

has been rescheduled to

Saturday, October 31st

1:00pm-5:00pm

Pumpkin Patch, Moon Bounces,
Hayrides, Kidcare ID, Fantastic Food,
Entertainment by "Just Us" and Greg
May, Information Tables and more.

75th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

The celebration of the City's 75th Anniversary will occur in 2012. Applications are being accepted from residents interested in serving on this volunteer planning committee. Applications are available on the City website, www.greenbeltnmd.gov, or at the City Office Building, 25 Crescent Road. Council will begin interviewing applicants for this committee in late November.

AUTUMN FEST ON THE GREEN

October 24 from 10am-2:00pm

Empirian Village Community Center
9230 Springhill Drive

Come join your neighbors at the Empirian Village
Community Center for a fall day of family fun.

*Cake Walk * Tye Day Shirts * Pumpkin Decorating *
Moon bounce *Make and Take Art Projects * Cookie
Decorating *Face Painting *Baked Goods and more.

Co-sponsored by the City of Greenbelt, Empirian Village
Apartments, M-NCPPC and Camp Fire USA.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council

Advisory Groups. Vacancies on:

Youth Advisory Committee

Forest Preserve Advisory Board

Arts Advisory Board

For more info call 301-474-8000.

Notice of Charter Amendment Resolution

At its regular meeting of September 29, 2009, the City Council adopted a resolution to amend the City Charter. As required by state law, this resolution will be posted in its entirety for 40 days, until November 8, at the Municipal Building, as well as on the City's Web site at www.greenbeltnmd.gov. Copies may also be requested of the City Clerk. It will be come effective on November 18, 2009, unless a proper petition to submit the amendment to the voters on a referendum is filed as permitted by law. As also required by state law, this notice is given to provide a fair summary of the resolution.

Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2009-3

A Resolution of the City of Greenbelt Adopted Pursuant to the Authority of Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and Section 13 of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition as Amended), Title, "Corporation-Municipal," Subtitle "Home Rule" to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt Found, in Whole or in Part, in the Compilation of Municipal Charters of Maryland (1983 Edition as Amended), as Prepared by the Department of Legislative Services Pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1983, by Amending Section 5, Titled, "Meetings"; Section 7 Titled "Council-Rules; Attendance; Expulsion of Members"; Section 8 Titled "Same-Quorum, Procedure" and Section 9 Titled "Ordinances and Resolutions – Procedure for Adoption; Enacting Clause" to Establish New Voting Requirements for Instances Where More than a Simple Majority of Council is Required to Take Certain Actions (Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2009-3)

There are multiple instances in the City Charter where more than a simple majority of Council members is required to take certain action. When Charter Amendment Resolution 2009-2 (Resolution 1045) became effective on August 11, 2009, increasing the size of the City Council to seven members, these "supermajority" thresholds were effectively reduced. This resolution will change these voting thresholds so that supermajority requirements are maintained for these actions.

For additional information, contact Cindy Murray, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000 or cmurray@greenbeltnmd.gov.

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION

As required by Section 14 of the City Charter, Greenbelt will hold a regular City Council election on:

Tuesday November 3, 2009. Polls will be open from7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Anyone registered to vote with Prince George's County at an address within the corporate limits of the City of Greenbelt may vote in City elections.

If you have questions regarding the upcoming election, please call the City offices at 301-474-8000, use Maryland Relay (711), or send e-mail to the City Clerk at cmurray@greenbeltnmd.gov.



“Marathon Beirut: for the Love of Lebanon,” a documentary by Deborah Harse dealing with political turmoil that threatened a Beirut running marathon will be shown on Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Greenbelt Arts Center. Harse will be at the screening.

Garden Club Meeting
On Trees and Shrubs

The Beltsville Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, October 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School, 11201 Evan Trail in Beltsville.

The speaker is Kathy Jentz, editor and publisher of the Washington Gardener magazine. Jentz will speak on “Small Trees and Large Shrubs for Urban Yards.” Come listen as Jentz explores the possibilities of using small trees and large shrubs to plant in small urban lots. Tailored to what grows best in the greater D.C. region, the choices will cover natives, edibles and ornamentals for full sun to full shade.

There will be plants for the door prize table and refreshments after the meeting. The public is welcome and admission is free.

For more information call Louise DeJames at 301-890-4733 or visit the website at www.beltsvillegardenclub.org.

Genealogical Meeting
Talk on Burial Sites

The monthly meeting of the Prince George’s County Genealogical Society will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 4 at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway in New Carrollton.

The meeting begins with a short business meeting and refreshment break before the featured speaker. This month’s presentation is by Paul Sluby speaking on burial places past and present in and around Washington, D.C.

Meetings are open to the public and there is no charge. For additional information and directions see www.rootsweb.com/~mdpgc.



Children’s Advocates
Needed by CASA

The Prince George’s Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) organization is recruiting volunteers to advocate for the needs of abused and neglected children living in foster care. CASA provides training and supervision to volunteers who spend about 10 hours per month getting to know a child and what is in that child’s best interest. Volunteers submit reports to help the courts better understand each child and collaborate with family members, teachers, social workers and others to ensure that the child’s needs are met.

Applications for day and evening training sessions are now being accepted.

For more information visit the CASA website at www.pgcasa.org or call 301-209-0491.

Rotary Club Donates
\$1,000 to School

The Rotary Club of Greenbelt recently presented a check for \$1,000 to Springhill Lake Elementary School (SHL) to help purchase uniforms for students of the school. According to SHL Special Education Coordinator Chris Wichtendahl the school has 45 to 50 known homeless families with about 60 children who are students there. The school also has an English as a second language population of about 310 students and approximately 40 percent of its families are considered working poor. In addition to cash contributions the Rotary Club maintains a storage closet at the school that is filled with school supplies.

The school is seeking community donations to help purchase food cards for

Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. Those interested in making donations are asked to call Wichtendahl at 301-513-5996.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Greenbelt is an organization of professional men and women most of whom live or work in the Greenbelt area. It was founded in 1988 with members from many professions and holds weekly meetings on Tuesday mornings at 7:45 a.m. at the Greenbelt Marriott. Each week there is a guest speaker, who may speak on a wide variety of topics. The club is currently accepting new members.

For further information call Club President Charles (Wick) Caldwell at 301-526-3464 or Membership Chair Joel Lang at 301-386-5459.



Rotary President Wick Caldwell presents a check to Springhill Lake Elementary School’s Special Education Coordinator Chris Wichtendahl (left) and Principal Natasha Jenkins (center).

Children’s Arts
Drop-in Sunday

On Sunday, October 25 from 2 to 4 p.m., arts specialist Aaron Springer leads a fun and creative arts workshop for children ages 3 to 8 with a parent. Make creative masks and headdresses for costuming fun. This free monthly Arts Drop-in will meet at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road in College Park. For more information email info@cpae.org or call 301-927-3013.

Owens Science Ctr.
Offers Laser Shows

On Sunday, October 25 there will be three laser shows at the Howard B. Owens Science Center. The first show beginning at 2 p.m. is Laser Vinyl – a Classic Rock Experience, then at 3:15 p.m. – Laser Zeppelin and at 4:30 p.m. – Pink Floyd’s The Wall.

There is a fee and regular planetarium passes are not valid for laser show performances.

Park in the lot at Catherine T. Reed Elementary School. Howard B. Owens Science Center is located at 9601 Greenbelt Road, Lanham-Seabrook.

For more information visit <http://www1.pgcps.org/howard-bowens/> or call 301-918-8750 during school hours.

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Major Credit Cards accepted **ONLINE** at www.utopiafilmfestival.org

• OCTOBER 24th			
SATURDAY	City of Greenbelt Municipal Building 25 Crescent Road 2nd Floor • Council Chambers	P&G Old Greenbelt Theatre 129 Centerway Roosevelt Center	Greenbelt Arts Center 123 Centerway Roosevelt Center
Noon	Urban/Rural Landscapes 5 Experimental Films • 90 mins Curated by Chris Lynn	Signs of the Time Narrative • 60 mins • Don Casper • WINNER 2009 UTOPIAN VISIONS AWARD	Black Soldiers in Blue DOC • 30 mins • Warren Bass Inside Buffalo DOC • 59 mins • Fred Kuwornu
2:00pm	Shorts Program 1 The Silent Conversation • Winger Dandelion Will Make You Wise • The Spam Job Tree of Knowledge • Prayers for Peace The Snallygaster Tale	Out in the Silence DOC • 57 mins • Joe Wilson and Dean Hamer • LOCAL FILMMAKERS • Supported by GreenBELT PRIDE	Waiting for Hockney DOC • 88 mins • Julie Checkoway
4:00pm	Meet the Filmmakers Panel Discussion featuring attending Directors • Reception follows at The Pleasant Touch Spa	Beltway Plaza Mall ACADEMY 8 Stadium Theatres 6198 Greenbelt Road • Theater 1	My Sixteenth Summer DOC • 74 mins • Savvy Lorestani
6:00pm	Docs In Progress • FREE Screening & Feedback Session featuring Hands of Harvest • 67 mins • Adrian Muys • Supported by the Maryland States Arts Council	Starship Farragut FIC • 86 mins • Mark Hildebrand • LOCAL FILMMAKER	Jeannot le Fou DOC • 75 mins • Benoit Thomassin and Francis Pinard No Good Reason DOC • 12 mins • Michael Mierendorf
8:00pm	Euforia DOC • 100 mins • Alfonso Corona	The Fugue FIC • 75 mins • Paul Awad • LOCAL FILMMAKER	Li Tong Narrative • 75 mins • Nian Liu presented in partnership with HandReach
10:00pm	Incubator FIC • 51 mins • David Reiss • LOCAL FILMMAKER		LATE-NIGHT Shorts MATURE Themes Mugs • Jessie Brown Show 5 • The Order Kevin's Friend • Luck of the Draw Un Café pour l'Amérique
<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> <div>Photos • From left to right: Signs of the Time My Sixteenth Summer The Fugue Li Tong</div>			
• OCTOBER 25th			
SUNDAY	City of Greenbelt Municipal Building 25 Crescent Road 2nd Floor • Council Chambers	P&G Old Greenbelt Theatre 129 Centerway Roosevelt Center	Greenbelt Arts Center 123 Centerway Roosevelt Center
Noon	Family Friendly SHORTS • FREE Tooth Fairy • Basket Bronx Doggie Drill Team • Present!	Autism: Made in the USA DOC • 100 mins • Gary Null and Manette Loudon	Peace It Together DOC • 8 Short Films presented in partnership with The Prince George's County Peace & Justice Coalition
2:00pm	Of Course to America! DOC • 76 mins • Pieter Jan Smit and Nino Purtskhvanidze	Green Towns USA: A New Deal DOC • 101 mins • June Finfer Whitehall DOC • 9 mins • Jordan Torres and Chelsea Hernandez	Marathon Beirut: For the Love of Lebanon DOC • 73 mins • Deborah Harse
4:00pm			Bloody Mondays and Strawberry Pie DOC • 80 mins • Coco Schrijber
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• Full film descriptions can be found at www.utopiafilmfestival.org and in the Utopia Film Festival printed program			
Graphic Design by George Kochell			

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a more fuel-efficient vehicle. Cities save by preventing infrastructure deterioration.

Council must decide how to provide core services, what can be done with less, and what needs to be eliminated. I will ask the tough questions during budget hearings. I will listen to our residents and our hard-working employees. I will present well-researched proposals that maintain essential services and programs, especially those unique to Greenbelt.

Rodney Roberts

I can truly say I feel the financial pain that many Greenbelt citizens feel. For over ten years I have worked hard to build my small business one customer at a time. But, in the past two years, I have watched as many of my customers have laid off workers or have gone out of business due to the economic downturn. However my business will survive, partly because I am extremely diverse in the kind of work I can do and because I know how to live within my means. Our City is no different. We will survive and thrive. Greenbelt has an extremely strong tax base. I believe we can best retain existing businesses, attract new ones, and build our tax base by not raising taxes and learning to live within our means. One area I would look at for budget cuts is any work done by outside contractors.

I will not support any cuts to police or public safety.

Edward Putens

There is good news in this for Greenbelt homeowners. New, lower assessments on our homes mean that our taxes will be lower. For the City, however, that is the problem.

This risk is already a reality. Our property tax revenue will be lower; other tax revenue too. We have already lost funds we normally receive from the State. We are in for a couple of lean years. So we are already in the situation where we need changes to the budget. We are already working on next year's budget. What should we do?

(1) My first priority is to keep faith with our City employees by preserving jobs. We could let some vacant positions go unfilled for a while, however. (2) We defer any capital expenditures that can be deferred to a later year, but we don't stop ongoing projects or planning for new projects. (3) We also look harder for grants and federal stimulus money that could increase our revenues. (4) We ask department heads to find any savings they can from current operations or find things they are able to defer to later. Even 2-3% could be significant. (5) We avoid cutting programs that help people. (6) We take a limited amount of money from our Reserves. (7) We avoid tax increases if at all possible under these economic conditions. If we can do all that, we have the best chance to avoid a situation where all of that is not enough.

This is all about keeping faith with the people and upholding our own high standards of public service. It is also about preserving what I call the Greenbelt Legacy – including our quality of life; our services to seniors, young people, and vulnerable citizens; and our environmental

leadership. These are the commitments that show we care.

Che Sayles

Before making any budget considerations I would first conduct a comprehensive top to bottom review of the entire budget. One of the primary focuses of the review would be to see where the city could find substantial savings. For example, I would like to see: are we banking with the right bank? are there other energy providers that are more green and more efficient and can save the city more money? I would also look at vehicle emissions and how we can do better by examining past and future contracts with vendors. Are there other vendors that can meet our demands at a better price?

I would also take a look at where the city could increase revenues from tourism by promoting our local resources such as the museum, theatre, and Greenbelt National Park to generate revenues. We are a national historic landmark and should use that status to draw people to Greenbelt for major one-time events to have people spending money in our local economy.

In general, I do not favor any percent reductions across the board because some departments are small and would be more greatly effected than others and during tough economic times people tend to need programs and services more not less. I would also ensure that we have money for top priorities like public safety, transportation, and recycling. We must also consider each line item on the budget individually with numerous opportunities for citizen input before any decisions are made.

Silke Pope

We have difficult choices ahead – very, very soon. Those choices are made harder by the fact that our City budget has grown ten million dollars in ten years. Unfortunately, it's hard to talk specifically about cuts without direct input from the public.

What I can commit to is a process – a process where the community is heard and priorities are determined together. A process where your concerns are solicited and weighed toward the needs of our community.

Certainly, raising taxes will not guarantee that budget problems will be solved. Any tax increase proposed by others would not take effect for some time, and our budget pressures are more immediate. We must look at all programs and services offered by the City and prioritize them together. Services used by few must be reviewed with great care.

People do not like to lose or give up services, but when a family has a budget crisis, the family must decide what is essential and what expenditures can wait; so does our City. Essential services such as police, city-supported fire/rescue and public works must be protected as much as possible. We must also strive to retain talented City employees who help to maintain the quality of life in our community.

Federal and State funds may assist the City, and grant funding should be pursued energetically, but we need to fund our government on revenue we can depend on.

We cannot make promises, but we can work cooperatively with advisory boards, residents, businesses, City employees and members of City Council to make educated and wise decisions for our community.

Konrad Herling

We need our city manager to present budgets with one, three and five percent reductions as requested this past year to measure the impact of such cuts. I will measure any cuts against my objective of retaining current services and preserving our quality of life.

To save money, the City should explore expanding our Four-Cities group (Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights, College Park and New Carrollton) to a five or six city group, possibly including Riverdale and/or Hyattsville. The shared purchase and operation costs of the street sweeper are the most salient example of saving money for a number of cities.

The City should also apply for a grant to secure a grants coordinator. Bowie has a grants coordinator whose work has helped secure important funding to support city operations. The City needs an economic incubator and stimulus strategy to maximize the true potential of our region. We sit at the crossroads of two premier federal agencies leading greener initiatives to address environmental sustainability. This appears to be a major focus of upcoming federal grants. We would be foolish not to be positioned to take advantage of those opportunities for new green businesses to come within our "green belt." This could help reduce the office vacancy rate now at approximately 15%.

Before cutting services, it's imperative that we fully explore all means to raise other revenues. Effective city marketing can boost local businesses (fitness centers, movie theaters, restaurants, hotels, stores, etc.) which translates to greater revenue coming into Greenbelt.

There may be additional savings when some veteran city employees retire and are replaced by new employees, whose early years of service will be paid at lesser compensation.

If these measures do not fill the prospective gap, then and only then should reducing our invaluable programs be considered.

Emmett Jordan

Revenue projections for the next two years are not good. Homeowners are seeing property values adjusted 15-20% below previous assessments. While this means tax relief over the next three years, it also means a substantial reduction in city income.

The City Manager provided a financial briefing last week. He anticipates sharp reductions in state and county funding, but because of conservative revenue projections in the last budget, we will not face drastic shortfalls.

The economic downturn we are living through is historic. Higher taxes are not an option now. Our taxes are high when compared with parts of Montgomery County.

I will not recommend specific service cuts at this point. I will work through our department heads and the city manager to take a hard look at ways to cut costs. I do not favor "across the



board cuts." We can tap into some reserve funding to buffer shortfalls.

Service reductions must reflect our values, keeping our quality of life as the priority.

Recreational, social services, and arts programs are reasons why people are attracted to Greenbelt and stay in this community. Other programs, like recycling, may seem costly but reflect our shared commitment to environmental sustainability.

To reduce personnel costs while protecting City employees, we can: (1) Delay hiring for some new positions and hold off filling positions created by attrition. (2) Create incentives for higher-earning employees who may be considering retirement.

I will advocate a balanced approach. I advocate measures to build our tax base, through planning and partnership with our neighbors and the business community. Where appropriate, we can share public works and safety resources with surrounding communities.

We can increase revenues by becoming proactive about seeking federal and state grants. As a professional familiar with fundraising for nonprofit organizations, I may be helpful in this effort.

Kelly Ivy

This is such a hard question. Let's face it, no one wants to cut any programs. But, we have to be realistic with the economy in the state of peril it's in. So, what happens if we get to the point of no return? I don't want to raise taxes. Our taxes are already high enough. People are already having a hard time making ends meet. Our citizens are going to expect us to stay within our means, and make sacrifices, just as they are having to. I think we have to look at all the programs to insure they are being run efficiently and are doing the job. We need to make sure that programs are being utilized and funding is being spent on what was intended. I have said and will continue to say I will not cut the Public Works Department the Police Department or the Fire Department. All of these departments are invaluable to our everyday life. I will, however, ask the department heads of those departments as well as all the others to make sure there is no waste, ask them to look for ways to cut corners and to cut waste. I will talk to personnel from the

various departments to get their input.

Small changes sometimes can save big dollars. Without a doubt, I will try to save jobs and programs. I will seek input from citizens and together we will make the best decisions for all of Greenbelt.

Leta Mach

We will need to carefully evaluate all programs and services including printed brochures and the satellite post office that were proposed for elimination but saved this year. This will not be a time for adding programs or staff unless that leads to savings as could be the case with energy initiatives. With retirements or resignations, we will want to evaluate the position and its responsibilities rather than automatically refilling it.

In evaluating programs, we will need to remember that some – particularly in recreation – are revenue generating. The cost of these programs will need to be balanced against revenue produced. We should consider raising the fees for some programs. At the same time, we need to factor in the cost of staff time. We need to look at some activities such as New Years Eve that began as volunteer projects but have become staff driven. The hard question of whether this is the best use of limited staff will have to be asked.

We must continue partnerships that help fund police officers, continue our cooperative purchasing programs for electricity and supplies that help reduce expenses, and take advantage of opportunities such as the Maryland Municipal League Geocache trail that helps promote and market our city. We should continue to look for grants yet be mindful while evaluating programs and projects that eliminating some also means losing the grant.

There are, however, bottom line programs and services that I would protect. First, public safety including police protection, property inspections and response to hazardous conditions such as downed trees, snow and ice. We must continue the city's Living Wage policy and support our employees. We must provide for those who are most in need by continuing the Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program and the city property tax credit for low-income homeowners.



Halloween Happenings



Greenbriar/Glen Oaks Halloween Event

On Saturday, October 24 the Greenbriar/Glen Oaks Community Association is having a Children’s Halloween Event. From 10 to noon children ages 4 to 12 can participate in a costume contest and make crafts to take home. Refreshments and treats will be provided for this free event in the Greenbriar Terrace Room.

For further information contact Tiesha Eley at 301-441-1096 #2.

College Park Aviation Museum Flight Night

On Saturday, October 31 from 7 to 9 p.m., the College Park Aviation Museum will celebrate Flight Night. Wear a costume and join in the Halloween fun at Flight Night. Hayrides, storytellers, arts crafts, and even more spooky fun are waiting for kids and families. There is a fee. College park Aviation Museum is located at 1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Drive, College Park.

For more information call 301-864-6029 or check the website at www.collegeparkaviationmuseum.com.

Pumpkin Carving, Walk For Kids on Oct. 23-24

Friday, October 23 from 4 to 8 p.m. is the start of the annual Greenbelt Pumpkin Walk held each year to celebrate fall. It includes pumpkin carving and music on Friday, followed by a pumpkin walk the following evening from 6 until 9 p.m.

On Friday, participants help carve 200 pumpkins, hear live music and enjoy the orange blazing of Jack O Lanterns. Pumpkin whittlers of all ages are invited.

Then Saturday night, the children hit the trail to see all those pumpkins on display at Northway extended where they will be spookily placed throughout the forested trail. Hiking shoes and flashlights are suggested. There won’t be any monsters and no scariness, only a sweet version of Hallows Eve. Hot cider or hot chocolate is available for the young hikers. Listen to reading of Poe and hope the Goatman lopes by, friendly like in the distant shadows.

For more information call 301-910-1669, email PumpkinWalk@gmail.com or visit the website at <http://www.GreenbeltPumpkin-Walk.com>.

Halloween Event Includes Crafts

On Saturday, October 31 from 10 to noon the College Park Arts Exchange will sponsor a crafts table at this fun event, held at the Youth and Family Services Center, 4912 Nantucket (near the corner of Edgewood and Rhode Island Avenue).

This free activity is ideal for children of all ages.

Trick or Treating in Greenbelt will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, October 31.

Those wishing to take part in treating are asked to put something white on their door or turn on porch lights.

CITY OF GREENBELT HALLOWEEN FUN

COSTUME CONTEST & PARADE Friday, October 30 ~ FREE

Roosevelt Center - in the grassy area in front of Curves.

Registration is from 4:00pm-4:30pm. Parade will start at 4:30pm sharp!

A tradition in Greenbelt! All ages are encouraged to come dressed in their Halloween finest, and prize packs will be awarded to the best costumes for ages 18 months through 6th grade. There will also be a category for the best in family and best pet. Stay for the entertainment that follows

– The Mayhem Magical Circus With Gregory May.



FALL FEST Saturday, October 31 2:00pm-6:00pm at Schrom Hills Park

Celebrate Greenbelt’s 72nd anniversary at our beautiful Schrom Hills Park. The Recreation Department will be joining forces with the Public Works, Police and Fire Departments to host our annual Fall Fest. Make plans now to stroll over to Schrom Hills Park and join us for hay rides, games, amusements, pumpkin patch, and art activities. This year’s musical entertainment is JUST US. This is only some of the fun. Lots more is being planned.

TRICK-OR-TREAT Saturday, October 31

6:00pm-8:00pm

Residents wishing to participate in trick-or-treat are asked to turn on their porch lights. Apartment dwellers should tie a piece of white cloth on their door.

HALLOSCREAM KARAOKE Friday, October 30 6:30pm-8:30pm, Springhill Lake Recreation Center Gym

Come dressed in your Halloween costumes and participate in Karaoke. You are encouraged to bring your choice of music, or take your chances with the music available at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. FREE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY OF THESE EVENTS CALL 301-397-2200.

Does Halloween Create Time Bombs?

Does Halloween turn kids into monsters? Once the big day is over the little Batman may still be tearing up the turf. Some clues to this behavior may be found in goodie bags.



Is there candy corn – yellow, white and orange? Red lollipops? Wrappers with the words "vanillin" or "artificial flavoring?" Snacks with added BHA, BHT or TBHQ? Ever wondered what these additives really are or where they come from?

Most are synthesized from petroleum (as in gasoline, asphalt, crude oil) and they are being used in increasingly large quantities.

Researchers in England, Canada and Germany have

demonstrated that these additives can profoundly affect a child's behavior and ability to learn. While adults may have physical reactions such as headaches, hives or asthma, children are likely to become aggressive, distracted or very easily frustrated.

A nonprofit organization shows chemically sensitive people how to find "pure" foods in their supermarket. To receive a free list of the foods/additives most likely to trigger learning or behavior problems, send a long self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Feingold Association, Dept. 495K, 554 East Main Street, Suite 301, Riverhead, NY 11901; call 1-800-321-3287 or visit www.feingold.org.



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Pepper the good witch goes for a Halloween ride.



Silke4Council@comcast.net

Silke Pope
For Greenbelt City Council
Vote Tuesday, November 3, 2009
Community Commitment
Dedicated to Service
Neighborhood Advocate

After nine years of service on the Public Safety Advisory Committee, I seek your support for the city council election.

My shared values and accomplishments are:

- Legacy** - Aiming for a brighter future while preserving our rich Community’s history.
 - Public Safety** - Recommended the installation of cameras in our public spaces, which has created a safer community. Assisted in the establishment of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) which responds in the event of a community disaster.
 - Sustainability** - I advocate for our local schools, senior programs, open spaces, and the environment. I believe when development is appropriate it must be managed with care.
 - Community** – Greenbelt’s community includes a wide variety of people and backgrounds. That is why, as a naturalized citizen, I’ve dedicated myself to our city’s growth and diversity.
- “ONE GREENBELT FOR ALL”**

By Authority of Geneva Bonney, Treasurer

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assigned seating at a head table in alphabetical order from left to right. Each would be allowed 90 seconds for an opening statement, 60 seconds for a response to questions and two minutes for a closing statement. All would be treated equally as candidates without reference to current status or incumbency.

As the evening progressed, there was time for only four questions but since those were moderated by the LWV hosts, two questions represented an amalgamation in which several related issues were combined. This occurred with the first question, generally dealing with crime and public safety, and the last, where several unrelated topics were combined. The moderator decided to combine them to adjourn before 9 p.m.

Opening Statements

Six candidates used their 90 seconds primarily to provide biographical information concerning their time in Greenbelt and highlighting accomplishments on behalf of Greenbelt citizens or organizations. Of these, Kelly Ivy gave the shortest statement, citing his 43 years of involvement, primarily in youth programs in the city. Of his candidacy, he said, “you never lose by running for Greenbelt elective office.”

Next shortest was the statement of Rodney Roberts, who noted “the knowledge and experience he has gained through his 51 years growing up in Greenbelt and his 18 years on the council.”

Two candidates conveyed specific experience with the Springhill Lake (SHL) neighborhood. Both Konrad Herling and Edward Putens had lived in SHL during their Greenbelt residency. Both emphasized the vibrancy and active life of the SHL community during the early history of the large apartment development and contributions to SHL and the larger Greenbelt community by residents like Sara Bomberg and Joyce Chestnut.

One candidate, Che Sayles, made a simple, direct appeal to the voters, indicating he would focus his attention on ways to save and make more money for the city through energy efficiency and for marketing the city as a National Historic Landmark to attract more people. He also noted concern with decreasing property tax assessments as a result of the national fiscal crisis.

Question #1: What long-term plans will you suggest to address truancy and drug violations in SHL and other high crime areas, the recent violent crime in various parts of the city since Labor Day and the issue of auxiliary police?

Kelly Ivy responded by noting his youth sports coaching experience. He decried the lack of playing fields in the Empirian Village neighborhood and stated support for more community policing increasing the Greenbelt police force by at least one person per squad.

Leta Mach emphasized programs for youth such as the D.A.R.E. and G.R.E.A.T. school programs and the Campfire USA project now underway at SHL Elementary School. She also noted her strong support for a new Greenbelt Middle School at the site of the current school and utilization of the historic portion of the existing school for a vari-

ety of community programs.

Rodney Roberts said he would work to get more fields in Empirian Village. He noted his efforts to save the SHL Elementary School from the so-called redevelopment plans for SHL. He continues to oppose the city’s delay in the needed renovation of the Greenbelt SHL Recreation Center. He also argued for more homeownership in the development, including the cooperative model.

Che Sayles argued that the Empirian Village project needed to be made less dense, citing Montgomery County projects as an example. “There needs to be more greenspace,” he said.

Edward Putens cited the higher crime rates in Greenbelt. He called for a comprehensive plan including city, property owners and residents to rid Empirian Village of an “epidemic of crime.” He also supports the use of auxiliary officers.

Judith Davis wants the city to work harder on code enforcement. She felt that an opportunity had been lost when the previous owners of the project aborted their plans to redevelop the property and sold out last year. She described the current owners of Empirian Village as trying to “renovate something that should not be renovated.”

Silke Pope said she got involved in SHL when she resided there and supported efforts to increase the use of cameras and surveillance devices in the area as well as more police officers. She also argued for using city resources differently, such as a gang task force and other preventive measures.

Konrad Herling stressed the importance of creating a sense of community in addition to the use of cameras, better lighting, strategically located call boxes. He said he has long argued for a circulator bus serving the neighborhood and connecting Empirian Village to the larger Greenbelt community.

Emmett Jordan characterized the question as “a tough one” but agreed that more effort should be made to get the residents to feel they are stakeholders in the Greenbelt community. Jordan also recognized the complexity of the issue due to contributions to crime in the area not only from Empirian Village but from the Beltway Plaza Mall shopping complex and proximity to the Greenbelt Metro Station, which he described as a means for wrong doers to get easy access to the neighboring community and make a quick exit.

Question #2. Do you agree with moving the Greenbelt election date to even years or should it remain in the odd years? To this question all candidates agreed to preserve the present odd-year format.

Question #3. If future year city budgets had to be cut severely, would you opt for across-the-board cuts? Cuts for specific services? Cuts for city council travel costs?

Putens agreed the city is facing tough times. He believes Greenbelt employees are the ones maintaining city services and is unwilling to predict “tonight” what level and types of cuts he would support. He believes council travel represents

opportunities for the city.

Jordan said there should be room for creativity in handling a difficult budget outlook. He would support expanding the tax base by attracting businesses to locate in Greenbelt. He would look at the outsourcing the city has been increasingly using and whether such functions could be brought back in-house. He finished by asking why no county offices are located in Greenbelt and wondered if some vacant office space here might be able to accommodate county offices.

Davis said she would not favor across-the-board cuts, indicating that savings obtained that way would be too small to make a difference. She argued that it is not enough to just say lower taxes; rather the issue is what services should be cut. She noted that council had the responsibility to determine when and where cuts are made. “We may have to reduce the hours that Greenbelt facilities are open,” she said.

Ivy expressed support for maintaining police, fire and public works services. Other than those, he would rely on opinions from Greenbelt citizens as to what should be cut.

Herling said his efforts would be to maintain the quality of life for city residents. He would look at other potential sources of income, including grants. He has been urging the city to create a marketing director to help increase city revenue. He said it would take “a careful balancing act.”

Mach would not support across-the-board approaches. “No way,” she said. Her concerns would be directed to those most in need and the programs that support them, such as the Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program and other social services and property tax credits for seniors and others on limited incomes. She would also rely upon what citizens feel we can do without.

Pope said she plans to work cooperatively with the more experienced members of council but agreed with Ivy regarding the need to protect funding for public safety, fire services and public works.

Sayles also noted he would not apply an across-the-board approach. He would be in favor of a top-to-bottom review of the budget to identify savings. He also would look for possible additional resources for the city.

Roberts said that taxes are too high in Greenbelt. Accordingly he feels those higher property taxes are acting as an impediment to people looking to buy or sell a home in Greenbelt. He characterizes the mindset as, “one that relies on raising taxes rather than learning the reality of living within our means.”

Question #4. Here’s where it got messy. It was 8:30 and the moderator wanted the formal meeting to end by 9 p.m. Yet she had a stack of questions before her. She said two questions had to do with the NAACP/ACLU election reform issue and what lessons had been learned; one had to do with public school education; another with the level of time needed to fulfill council responsibilities; another asked candidates to identify those underrepresented in the community

and to propose activities to address that underrepresentation.

Another question related to how the candidates feel about participation by citizens during council worksessions or stakeholder meetings. For this one the moderator made an editorial comment: “They should be allowed to participate.”

She then suggested that candidates keep those questions in mind as they provided their closing comments or, if they wished, to address those questions privately following the close of the formal part of the meeting.

Ivy retained his lead for the shortest comments by simply stating his blue collar roots and asking voters to pull his lever and, “give me a chance – I will try to do my best.”

Pope said she would be able to provide as much time as was needed to serve on council. As far as Greenbelt citizens being able to speak at meetings, she said they should always be welcome to participate.

Jordan believed that with a seven member council, some responsibilities could be split up and city representation shared before other bodies and in relevant organizations. He said he had always been a progressive voice in the community. He would work with renters and all neighborhoods in delivery of services and would represent everyone. He noted that the election process has “been great.”

Roberts thanked the LWV and said he would be glad to respond to questions later. He told the audience he has invested his life in Greenbelt and he had given the time it takes, asserting that “in his 18 years on council, he has never missed a regular council meeting. In that time he had missed one worksession and one executive session.” He would work to keep Greenbelt a special place and is willing to

stand up and make a decision.

Mach looks upon council service as an atmosphere where you can be involved in the life of the city. She referred the audience to her literature providing her record and accomplishments. Because she is retired, providing time to council duties has not been a problem, she said, estimating that it has required about 20 hours per week on average.

Sayles said that (even as a citizen) he had not missed a council meeting in 2009. He also wished all the candidates the best in the election.

Herling said he is energized by the council and opportunities to improve the community. He noted his longstanding support for a welcome wagon approach to get new Greenbelt residents to be active in the community, invoking the Eleanor Roosevelt legacy in Greenbelt for the spirit of participation and cooperation. He also touted as an example of the benefit in council travel and participation in activities of other organizations, the KaBOOM! playground projects brought to Greenbelt through Mach’s participation in the National League of Cities.

Davis closed with her thought on how, in her 34 years as a Greenbelt resident, she, “came to love the city and to join in its philosophy.” She now tries to spread the vision and uses her time to “go where I am invited, get new ideas by listening to citizens and telling everyone it is the best place to live.”

Putens closed by noting his signature accomplishments. “I started ACE (Advisory Committee on Education); I wrote the resolution (for its establishment). The School Resource Officer was my idea,” he stated. He noted his other involvements in the Greenbrook Village Home Owners Association, SHL issues and assistance for the Charles-towne Village renters.

SILKE POPE

Already Serving Our Community





- Chair, Public Safety Advisory Committee (6 years)
- English Second Language Program, Greenbelt Middle School (6 years)
- Parent Liaison, Magnolia Elementary and Greenbelt Middle Schools (3 years)
- President, Belle Point Home Owners Association (3 years)
- Founding Member of Springhill Lake Neighborhood Improvement Team (1999)
- Past President, American Legion Auxiliary (2 years)

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Voting Questions Absent From City Questionnaire

by Karl B. Hille

The Greenbelt City Council did not add questions about changes to the city’s voting and representation structure to this year’s election questionnaire despite protest from Councilmember Rodney Roberts.

“With all the discussion of election issues this year, I really would like the opportunity of 700 or so people at the polls weighing in,” Roberts said during the October 12 council meeting. “There are some serious questions out there. I’m not sure we’re done discussing them. It’s a shame we’re wasting this opportunity to get people’s opinion.”

Councilmember Leta Mach objected to adding these questions to the polls. “I don’t think it’s necessary. We heard from people at nine forums. I don’t think this will change what we’re going to do,” Mach said.

Assistant City Manager David Moran said there was a general question about whether the city has done enough to reach out to voters on the issues. He said expanding the questionnaire might deter participation.

In previous years, 600-700 voters have responded to the two-page, legal-sized questionnaire, he said.

No one seconded Roberts’ proposed question and he was the sole dissenting vote in the 4-1 approval of the questionnaire.

Roberts previously had taken issue with Mach, Mayor Judith Davis and Councilmember Konrad Herling having discussed the election changes over email, phone and other communications without declaring a quorum, notifying the public or involving other members of council.

Dispatch System

Council voted unanimously to spend up to \$625,000 of a \$750,000 grant from Congressman Steny Hoyer on a new

computer-aided dispatch system for the police department from New World Systems of Troy, Mich. The remainder of the grant might be spent upgrading existing dispatch computers, hardware and other systems to ensure a smooth transition, City Manager Michael McLaughlin said.

Hyattsville is considering the same system and Fairfax and Vienna, Va., have also contracted with New World. The system could be in place in six to nine months after a contract is signed, McLaughlin said.

The city is also in discussions with Hyattsville, Mount Rainier, Bladensburg and Riverdale Park about coordinating police dispatch activities and services.

Other Business

Also at the meeting, new police officers Justin Walker and Gerald Potts, Jr. were sworn in. County beautification awards were presented to Joyce Gladstone, Anwar Saleh, Greenbelt Step Club, Greenbelt Service Center, Old Greenbelt Citgo and the Greenbelt Public Works Department for the Youth Center, Aquatic and Fitness Center and Roosevelt Center walkways; and county “Golden Trowel” beautification awards were presented to Public Works for the Buddy Attick Park bus stop and the Greenbelt Municipal Building landscaping.

Council also recognized College Park Mayor Stephen Brayman, who is stepping down after 12 years on the council and eight as mayor.

Moran reported that Greenbelt has installed 75 percent of home accessibility improvements identified through the Accessible Greenbelt program.

In other action Davis asked code enforcement staff to look at street signs and door hangers posted by an unnamed “dinner theater” in Camp Springs in violation of the city’s sign ordinance.

City Notes

Code enforcement staff reported that planning reports 14 warning notices were mailed and five municipal infractions were issued for excessively loud noise and music; a meeting was held with maintenance staff and supervisors at Empirian Village regarding new and ongoing complaint inspections and municipal infractions issued to the apartment complex, revisions to covenant agreements at Greenbelt Station were drafted by the Planning Department staff.

Youth Center staff reported the second School’s Out day of the school year was held with participants joining former Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey Circus performer Greg May for a fun-filled day of circus skill training. The program was filled to capacity with 24 participants.

An Aquatic and Fitness Center staff member was re-commissioned as a Notary Public.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for October 26 to 30 include:

Monday – Split pea soup, Cuban chicken, yellow rice, Japanese-style vegetables, tossed salad with dressing, fruit salad with coconut.

Tuesday – Cranberry juice, barbecued ribette on a bun, cole slaw, black beans, yogurt cup.

Wednesday – Orange juice, barbecued chicken, mashed potatoes, seasoned carrots, cupcake with candy corn.

Thursday – Orange juice, eggplant parmesan, seasoned spaghetti, Caesar salad, sugar cookies.

Friday – All sites closed (county staff training day).

Early Voting Now Underway For City Council Election

by Elaine Skolnik

The upcoming Greenbelt election on Tuesday, November 3 is the first election where any registered city voter may choose to vote early. This will give the electorate an additional option to vote. Also, for the third year, registered voters may choose to cast their ballots absentee. No longer will excuses be required of qualified voters explaining why they are unable to vote at their respective polling places on Election Day.

On Saturday, October 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Sunday, October 18 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Greenbelt early voters were able to cast votes at Schrom Hills Park Clubhouse, 6915 Hanover Parkway; this weekend on Saturday, October 24 early voting will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Sunday, October 25 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane; and on Mondays through Fridays through October 30 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Greenbelt Municipal Building. On Tuesdays, voting will be extended until 8 p.m.

Absentee Voting

To vote absentee, a qualified voter must fill out an application form received from the city clerk. The application form can be requested by telephone at 301-474-8000, by letter including full name (City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road), by email at cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov or printed from the website at <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov>.

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No Surprises at Green Ridge House Candidates Forum

by Mary Willis Clarke

The third candidates forum of the 2009 Greenbelt City Council election cycle saw a return to a full complement of candidates. All nine candidates attended the forum sponsored by Green Ridge House on Tuesday, October 13. This forum had fewer attendees and was much shorter than the previous forum attended by this reporter even though there had only been eight candidates at the previous forum. There were a total of 45 people present including the nine candidates, this reporter, the Greenbelt cable camera operator and Prince George’s County Councilmember Ingrid Turner. Candidates began their prepared remarks just after 7 p.m. and the event adjourned for refreshments at 8 p.m.

In their initial remarks, those candidates with long tenure in Greenbelt and extensive community service resumes vied for bragging rights to the tenderest age at which they became residents of Greenbelt and praised the greatness of the spirit of Greenbelt. Those with shorter tenure as Greenbelt residents and sparser resumes praised the greatness of the Greenbelt spirit.

Several candidates used their opening remarks to highlight their public safety creed: support for the police force, police foot patrols, increased lighting, surveillance cameras. Two of the three questions from the audience also dealt with security issues: police staffing, lights, safety.

Tenure, Greenbelt greatness and public safety. No surprises with these. The best summation of the tenor of the evening was offered in closing by forum moderator Barbara Hardesty, “I think we should all reread 1984.”

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- Protect our priceless Green Belt; make certain our Congressional delegation hears our steadfast concern for preservation of BARC and Greenbelt National Park
- Ensure Greenbelt West development conforms to our priorities and values, while providing quality transit-oriented housing, retail, and employment opportunities for current and future residents
- Balance budgetary restraint with providing core programs and services unique to Greenbelt

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Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Assaults
October 10, 12:13 p.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School. A 16-year-old resident youth was arrested and charged with second degree assault, resisting arrest and disruption of school activities. He was charged on a juvenile petition and later released to his mother pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services.

October 13, 4:22 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court. Officers responded to a domestic dispute and arrested a 28-year-old resident female, charging her with second degree assault on a law enforcement officer after she began yelling obscenities and hitting the officers. She was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Burglaries
October 8, 4:08 p.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane. A commercial burglary occurred.

October 8, 10:33 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace. The door to a vacant apartment was

pried open.

October 10, 7:56 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane. A 26-year-old male with no fixed address was arrested and charged with first and fourth degree burglary and trespassing. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Employee Theft
October 13, 4:57 p.m., 6100 block Greenbelt Road. A 21-year-old nonresident male was arrested and charged with theft over \$1,000 and released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Drug Arrests
October 2, 10:20 a.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School. A 14-year-old resident youth was found to have a controlled dangerous substance (CDS) in his possession at school. He was charged on a juvenile petition with possession of CDS paraphernalia, pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services.

October 11, 1:03 a.m., 5600 block Cherrywood Lane. Two nonresident males, ages 20 and 29, were arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and released on citations pending trial.

October 14, 12:40 a.m., 5800 Cherrywood Terrace. After a traffic stop a 23-year-old nonresident male was charged and released, pending trial on citations for possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to attach tags and driving on a suspended license.

Vandalism
October 10, 11:57 a.m., Crescent Road at Hillside. Graffiti was found on a wall.

Trespassing
October 8, 8:47 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. A nonresident male, 38 years old, was arrested for trespassing after reportedly looking into vehicles and ground floor apartments after having previously been banned from the property. He was charged on citation and released, pending trial.

Vehicle Crimes
One automobile was stolen from the 5700 block Cherrywood Lane, a 1999 Chevrolet Econoline van, Maryland tag 04X587. Also stolen was a black 2008 Harley XL1200 low-rider motorcycle, Maryland tag 2D2909 from the 6500 block Lake Park Drive.

There were six reports of theft from automobiles, as follows: 9100 block Edmonston Court (GPS), 6200 block Springhill Court, two incidents (DVD/CD player, Dewalt drill and Sawzall combo), 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace (New Jersey tag TYK-14F), 7200 block Hanover Drive (camera and binoculars), 6100 block Breezewood Court (U.S. currency). There was an attempted theft from auto in the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace.

Vandalism occurred to two vehicles in the 6200 block Springhill Drive (broken front passenger window and in the 9100 Block of Edmonston Court. Recovered vehicles include two automobiles and one motor scooter with no arrests made. A truck reported stolen on September 8 was recovered October 14 following a traffic stop, at which time a nonresident female was arrested.

Stolen tags were recovered in three separate occasions with no arrests made.

Another Shooting In Greenbelt West
On Friday, October 16 at approximately 4:29 a.m., the Greenbelt Police Department received a call for shots fired in the 6100 block of Springhill Terrace. Upon arrival, officers located a 22-year-old man suffering from several gunshot wounds. The victim was transported to Prince George's Hospital Center and is currently listed in stable condition with injuries not believed to be life-threatening. A vehicle taken in the incident is described as an olive green 2003 Volkswagen Passat with unknown D.C. temporary tags.

The suspects are described as four to five males wearing black hoodie-type jackets. The investigation is continuing at this time.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522.

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3-Alarm Blaze Causes Injuries, Displaces 168 Residents

by Mark Brady

A three-alarm fire in Empirian Village on Saturday morning, October 17 caused injuries to nine people and displaced 168 residents from 28 apartments at 5925 Cherrywood Terrace. They reportedly have been housed in vacant apartments in the complex. Residents of 14 other adjoining apartments were to be moved into a hotel by Empirian management and the Red Cross.

Soon after 8:45 a.m. on Saturday a ladder truck from Berwyn Heights Fire/EMS Station 814 was the first unit to arrive and found heavy smoke and fire on the second and third floors of the three-story garden-style building. Intense heat and blinding smoke prevented many occupants from escaping through the enclosed stairwell.

Many retreated to their balconies. Six were rescued by firefighters using ground ladders. Other residents had already jumped from their balconies. Paramedics took nine patients to local hospitals, including a Col-

lege Park firefighter with burns to his upper body. A Branchville firefighter had second-degree burns to his ears. Many people took shelter at Springhill Lake Recreation Center as rain continued into the afternoon.

A second and then a third alarm were sounded as the fire extended into the roof and started to affect an attached building. About 100 firefighter/EMTs and paramedics came to the scene on 30 fire apparatuses and ambulances. The fire was brought under control in about 45 minutes and declared completely out 90 minutes after arrival.

A fire department spokesman said the cause of the fire, ruled accidental, was due to an electrical malfunction in a second floor bedroom. Fire loss was estimated at \$750,000.

(See box below for help being organized for residents burned out of their apartments.)

Mark Brady is a Prince George's Fire Department Information Officer. Eli Flam of the News Review also contributed to this story.



The above photo shows the extent of the damage to the apartment building. In the photo below, the fire has broken through the roof.



A number of residents were rescued from balconies on the opposite side of the building.



PHOTOS BY MARK BRADY

Donations for Fire Victims

The City of Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program advises that a donation center for clothing and household goods has been set up at the Empirian Village Leasing Office, 9220 Springhill Lane. Donations will be accepted between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

The Camp Fire USA Patuxent Area Council, which is very active at Empirian Village has set up a fund to collect tax deductible monetary donations for the victims. Money donations can be sent to Empirian Fire Victims Fund, c/o Camp Fire USA, 9230 Springhill Drive, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

Museum Program Features Birds, Planes

Follow the Leader: Birds and Airplanes is the title of a program to be held on Saturday, October 24 at 2 p.m. at the College Park Aviation Museum. This event is free with museum admission.

The Wright Brothers were inspired by birds and now their invention is helping birds. Join John French from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, who will discuss the whooping crane restoration program, which uses ultralight aircraft to guide birds on their migrations. The program is held in association with the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area.

Concert Features English Composers

On Sunday, October 25 at 6:30 p.m. the National Gallery of Art will present "Orpheus in England," a concert by Emma Kirkby, soprano, and Jakob Lindberg, lutenist. This performance, featuring music by English Renaissance and baroque composers, will be held in the West Building, West Garden Court. First-come, first-seated 30 minutes before the concert. Entry at Sixth Street until 6:30 p.m.



Set a positive goal! Re-Elect Rodney Roberts to Greenbelt City Council

Some of Roberts' Goals for the Future:

- ◆ Increase dedicated Police bike/foot patrols for each section of Greenbelt
- ◆ Continue to work for equitable distribution of recreational facilities and city services throughout Greenbelt
- ◆ Implement plans for renovation and expansion of Springhill Lake Recreation Center
- ◆ Make sure Greenbelt Middle School is constructed on schedule
- ◆ Transform Empirian Village apartments into cooperatively owned housing
- ◆ Continue to press SHA for construction of Beltway noise barriers
- ◆ Acquire Greenbelt Road site for new firehouse
- ◆ Continue to improve senior services and social services
- ◆ Restore Greenbelt Lake and its tributaries
- ◆ Fund McDonald Field improvements
- ◆ Take over responsibility from Prince George's County for maintenance of Schrom Hills Lake (currently the County refuses to provide maintenance)
- ◆ Improve public transportation, including Sunday bus service

by Authority of Yoni Siegel, Treasurer

Greenbelt Golden Agers Enjoy Touring Mackinac Island, City

by Kathleen McFarland

On September 13 a group of excited members of the Greenbelt Golden Age Club, along with other Greenbelters and a group of friends from the College Park Moose Club – 46 people in all – left on a week-long bus trip to Mackinac Island and other destinations in northern Michigan. The group’s intrepid leader Lori Moran had spent months organizing the trip with Diamond Tours.

Finally we were off and Moran’s tasks turned more to counting noses and giving instructions. She was ably assisted on the trip by her husband Tom and bus driver extraordinaire Rick.

The weather was perfect and the bus trip pleasant, with beautiful scenery along the Pennsylvania and Ohio turnpikes. We spent the night at a hotel in Perrysburg, Ohio, leaving after breakfast on the second, shorter leg of the trip.

We arrived before dinnertime at our home-base hotel in Mackinaw City and were surprised and delighted to find that the hotel was located on the edge of Lake Huron within sight of the famous Mackinac Bridge.

We had dinner that night at the Depot Restaurant on the site of the town’s old railroad depot. This was the first of the delicious dinners we enjoyed each night in Michigan.

Mackinac Bridge

We learned that this famous suspension bridge, completed in 1957, is categorized as the “eighth wonder of the world.” It is five miles long and 600 feet high and connects the Upper and Lower Peninsulas of Michigan. Lake Michigan is on one side of the bridge, Lake Huron on the other.

Our first day’s activities in Michigan included a guided tour around the tourist areas of Mackinaw City, ending the morning at the lighthouse, built in 1892 and now being restored as a museum.

The original beacon has been removed from the tower and is



Golden Agers tour northern Michigan.

displayed in one of the lower rooms. Visitors are invited to climb into the tower, which formerly housed the light. The climb rewards with a magnificent view of the lake, the bridge and the surrounding area.

It was surprising to discover how many of our senior Greenbelters were agile enough to climb the spiral stairs and the 11 iron ladder rungs and maneuver themselves up into the tower!

That afternoon we visited Colonial Michilimackinac, the Indian name for a settlement established by the British in 1715 as a fortified fur-trading village and military outpost. We saw musket and cannon-firing demonstrations performed by costumed “British soldiers.”

During the Revolutionary War, the fort was moved from the mainland to Mackinac Island. Some of our group visited the restored post, now named Fort Mackinac, when we toured the island the next day.

Horses, Hotel

We sailed by ferry to the resort of Mackinac Island the next morning. Many other tour groups were already waiting at the Visitors’ Center to climb aboard the 20-passenger carriages, each pulled by two sturdy horses, to tour the island.

No cars or trucks are allowed on Mackinac Island. All transportation is by horse and carriage or bicycle. Our tour-guide/driver pointed out the sights of interest as we clip-clopped along.

The journey was up a steep incline and at one point we stopped and were transferred to a larger carriage, carrying 30 people and pulled by three horses. The horses are well cared for by special trainers and veterinarians and are given frequent rests while working and even days off.

In the winter months only a few horses remain on the island. The others are boarded by farmers and horsemen on private farms until summer.

We could opt for one of two main attractions during our tour of the island – Fort Mackinac or the Grand Hotel. I went with a group of friends to the Grand Hotel. This luxurious frame hotel was built from logs of the native white pine in 1887 for the enjoyment of wealthy patrons who arrived by railroad and steam-powered boats.

The front porch is 660 feet long with 100 white rock-

ing chairs. The hotel sits halfway up the slope of the island with a breathtaking view of the lake. Down steep stairs from the porch are a beautiful swimming pool, tennis and croquet courts, immense flower beds and topiaries.

In its heyday the hotel was visited by famous people; it is still in operation today. My friends and I had luncheon in the wide hallway, visited some of the luxurious rooms, rocked a few minutes in the white rocking chairs and admired the beautiful flowerbeds.

We walked back to the center of the village where we were to board the ferry boat for the ride back to Mackinaw City. Our walk must have been several miles but at least it was all downhill; the day had turned warm and sunny.

The pretty town of Mackinaw is overflowing with lovely pink and violet flowers, bed-and-breakfast inns, gift shops and fudge shops. It reminded some of us of Martha’s Vineyard, which we had visited on the Golden Age Club trip three years ago.

By the time we got to the ferry station we were tired and

ready to get back to our hotel, freshen up and go out again for one of those nice dinners.

Soo Locks

Our last day in Michigan was one of the most interesting. Our bus took us across the Mackinac Bridge and into the Upper Peninsula and the city of Sault Ste. Marie. This was a drive of about an hour, ending at the dock, where we boarded a boat named Hiawatha for a tour up the St. Mary’s River and through the Soo Locks.

The locks allow vessels to traverse the 21-foot drop in elevation of the St. Mary’s River between Lake Superior and Lakes Michigan and Huron. Since 1881 the locks have been under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

We went through the largest and newest of the four Soo locks (built in 1968) and sailed around the open sea. The boat’s spokesman pointed out places of interest along the way, such as the International Bridge joining the U.S. and Canada. We came back through the smallest operating lock, used only for smaller boats, on the Canadian side of the river.

After landing we split into small groups for lunch (ours was at the Irish Pub) and spent time at the Soo Locks Visitors Center in a lovely park beside the locks.

Our bus picked us up from Sault Ste. Marie and took us to the Kewadin Casino where we whiled away the afternoon (yes, a few of our group came away richer) and had a buffet dinner. It was dark as the bus traveled back over the lighted Mackinac Bridge to our hotel.

The next day we left for home. A pleasant stop on the way was Frankenmuth, a beautiful resort town billed as “Michigan’s Little Bavaria,” where we had lunch and did some shopping before proceeding on to our same hotel in Perrysburg, Ohio, for the night.

The final leg of the trip the next day went quickly. There was singing on the bus and much hugging as we bid goodbye to friends new and old. It was a wonderful trip; it couldn’t have been better – but it’s always nice to get back home.



Cathy Holcombe, Phyllis Budin and Marguerite Kincius wait for the ferry after touring Mackinac Island.



Mary and Barry Moien enjoy the fresh air.

PHOTOS BY KATHLEEN MCFARLAND

Greenbelt’s Cooperatives: Part of a Larger World

by Dorrie Bates

Did you know that there are more than 350 million members of cooperatives in America? That cooperatives give out nearly \$79 billion in patronage refunds and dividends? And that the top 100 co-ops generate more than \$150 billion in revenue? These are just some of the facts and figures of the cooperative world, a world with considerable representation right here in Greenbelt.

Greenbelt has six established cooperatives: Greenbelt Cooperative Nursery, Greenbelt Homes, Inc., Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative, Inc., Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, The New Deal Café, and, of course, Greenbelt News Review. Some of these have been around for decades; others are relatively new. All are part of a remarkable movement which began in England in 1843 and has grown to operate in every industry including agriculture, childcare, energy, financial services, food retailing and distribution, health care, insurance,

housing and telecommunications, as well as purchasing and shared services.

Cooperatives are businesses that are owned and controlled by their members, not by investors. They return surplus revenues (income over expenses and investment) to members proportionate to their use of the cooperative, not proportionate to their ownership share. In general co-ops are motivated by service to their members, not by profit. All of the cooperatives in Greenbelt ascribe to cooperative principles including voluntary membership, democratic organization and economic involvement

There are four main types of cooperatives: Consumer cooperatives are owned by the people who buy the goods or use the services of the cooperative. Consumer co-ops include credit unions, child care cooperatives, electric and telecommunications cooperatives, food co-ops, health care co-ops, housing cooperatives. Producer Cooperatives are owned by people who produce similar types of products and collectively

market them to improve their incomes. The News Review is a Producer Co-op.

Worker-Owned Cooperatives, like Equal Exchange in Boston, are owned and governed by the employees of the business while Purchasing/Shared Services Cooperatives, such as Ace Hardware, are owned and governed by independent business owners that band together to enhance their purchasing power.

Of course cooperatives operate differently depending on their mission. Some, like the Greenbelt Nursery School, make use of both paid staff and member participation as they offer a creative educational environment to its member families. Others, like the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative (the Co-op), offer members a share in the earnings when the business shows a profit.

Often cooperatives are born of necessity. GHI arose when the government decided it no longer wanted to be in the housing business. It is now one of more than 6,400 housing cooperatives which provide homes for 1.5 million

households. Others result from a shared love or activity. Wanting a place to gather and hear music, a group founded The New Deal Café in 1995. It’s a nonprofit member-owned cooperative overseeing the operation of a restaurant and coffee house, offering food, music and art exhibits by local artists.

Cooperatives can serve specific groups or communities. Greenbelt’s first financial facility, Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, was formed in 1937 to “promote thrift among its members and provide them with a source of credit for provident or productive purposes.” It was one of the first credit unions to offer checking accounts. Its field of membership includes anyone who lives or works in Greenbelt as well as anyone who is a member of the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative.

Many of our local cooperatives have influence far beyond our city limits. GHI often hosts visitors from here and abroad who want to learn more about their unique history and management.

Greenbelt has six active cooperatives:

Greenbelt Cooperative Nursery; Greenbelt Homes, Inc.; Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative, Inc.; Greenbelt Federal Credit Union; The New Deal Café; and, the Greenbelt News Review.

And of course the News Review, in pursuing its mission to provide clear information about issues facing the local community, had a legal case go all the way to the Supreme Court which they won!

As a cooperative community, Greenbelt shares in a grand tradition of service and innovation. The philosophy and principles which underlie the cooperative movement continue to benefit businesses and communities throughout the world for the good of all.

Dorrie Bates is chair of the Co-op (GCC) and a member of the Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance.

McBride Book Tour For Song Yet Sung

Author James McBride is touring the state through October. McBride’s novel, Song Yet Sung, was chosen as the 2009 title for One Maryland One Book, Maryland’s only statewide community reading program, now in its second year.

McBride, an award-winning author, composer and screenwriter, is also the author of the New York Times best-selling memoir, The Color of Water and the novel Miracle at St. Anna, which was recently made into a film directed by Spike Lee.

Set on Maryland’s Eastern Shore in the 1850s, Song Yet Sung weaves an intricate and gripping tale of escaped slaves, free blacks and slave-catchers. The protagonist is an enslaved woman called The Dreamer, whose gift for visions of the future quickly reaches mythic proportions following her escape from a local plantation.

McBride will be at the Thurgood Marshall Library Special Collections Room at Bowie State University on Tuesday, October 27 at 2:30 p.m.

For more information call 301-860-3850.

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Male Role Models Take Part in Greenbelt School Breakfasts

by Shannon Hoffman

The message was clear when fathers, stepfathers, soon-to-be stepfathers and grandfathers visited Prince George’s County schools on Monday morning October 12: they could all make a difference in the education of their students.

“It doesn’t have to be a father,” said PTSA president Vijay Kowtha at Eleanor Roosevelt High School’s breakfast-with-dad event.

As a part of the countywide “Men Make a Difference” campaign, which encourages male role models to get involved in their students’ education, Eleanor Roosevelt High School and Greenbelt Elementary School invited the important men in their students’ lives for a bite to eat and a message to chew. After listening to various speakers over breakfast, the men observed their children in classes.

At both events, speakers called for men to spend more time talking with their students about school. “Sometimes we turn it over to the ladies,” Principal Reginald McNeill said from the podium at Eleanor Roosevelt.

Greenbelt Elementary
“It’s key that, as men, we start stepping up, not just at the bar-beque pit,” Anthony Boyd, the pupil personnel worker for the county, told the men at Greenbelt Elementary School.

Organizers for Donuts with Dad at Greenbelt weren’t expecting as many as the 50 attendees they had and more chairs had to be rushed in. Speaking at the event in addition to Boyd were Justin Ross, delegate for Maryland’s 22nd district, and Jacob Novick, the former parent liaison for Greenbelt.

Novick, who now works for the Marriott Corp. in Washington, said the job switch made it more difficult to be involved in the education of his stepson, who is in elementary school.

Personal Goals
Novick shared with the men in the room a list of goals he developed for himself to overcome the

obstacle. First, he suggested spending \$7 for security clearance so they could all attend field trips and he encouraged them to be willing to take off work for the trips.

His second suggestion was to line up formal meetings with their students’ teachers. He’s shooting for one each quarter. He also drops off and picks up his stepson at school as often as his schedule permits.

He said every evening he and his stepson have “reflection time.” “We ask each other, ‘What’s your two most favorite things about today?’”

Finally, Novick encouraged all the men to volunteer or mentor at the school. He said their students would be proud to see them in the building. “They’ll be showing you off to everybody.”

Greenbelt Elementary Principal Kimberly Seidel said she hopes the event turnout is an indicator of a growing collaboration.

“I do think we are a community school,” she said. “Hopefully, they are realizing we’re partners and we need to work together for the betterment of the school.”

The 33 men who attended Breakfast with Dad at Eleanor Roosevelt were treated to a buffet.

National Program
At Eleanor Roosevelt Kowtha told them a story about a 1979 graduate from the school, Robbie, who has developed a national program to draw girls toward math.

Robbie now has three children of his own who went through Eleanor Roosevelt, “and they do amazing things in life,” said Kowtha. Robbie had told Kowtha that the two biggest influences in his life were a math teacher and his father.

“The difference was the men,” said Kowtha.

“Gentlemen, we need you, and students need you, too,” said McNeill. He noted that improved self-esteem can result from participating in their children’s education.

“Without your involvement, it really reduces their chance of doing well in school,” he said.

Gary Clark spoke to the group



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Above, about 50 male role models listen at the Donuts with Dads event at Greenbelt Elementary School on Monday.

At right, Brian Mangino helps his son, Noah Mangino, color a picture.



Governor Announces New Health Care Coverage

by Kyle M. Jones

On Tuesday, October 13 at Eleanor Roosevelt High School Governor Martin O’Malley and Congresswoman Donna Edwards revealed a new promotion for the “Medical Assistance for Families” campaign. The campaign is an effort to make Marylanders aware of a recent Medicaid expansion, which provides coverage to more than 100,000 Maryland residents.

Under the Maryland Working Families and Small Business Health Coverage Act of 2007, the Medicaid expansion now provides comprehensive medical care to parents and caretaker relatives with a dependent child in the home.

“It is an honor to be here with Chris Samuels of the Redskins to launch the ‘got health-care’ campaign and to let Marylanders know that they can get affordable, quality health care through Medical Assistance for Families,” said Governor O’Malley. “This campaign helps raise awareness so that even more uninsured Maryland families get the health coverage they deserve.”

Eligible families for the expansion will now be accepted if their annual household income is at or below 116 percent of the Federal poverty level. With this expansion, the approximate annual maximum is \$20,000 for a fam-

ily of three, versus the previous eligibility restriction of \$6,000 for a family of the same size.

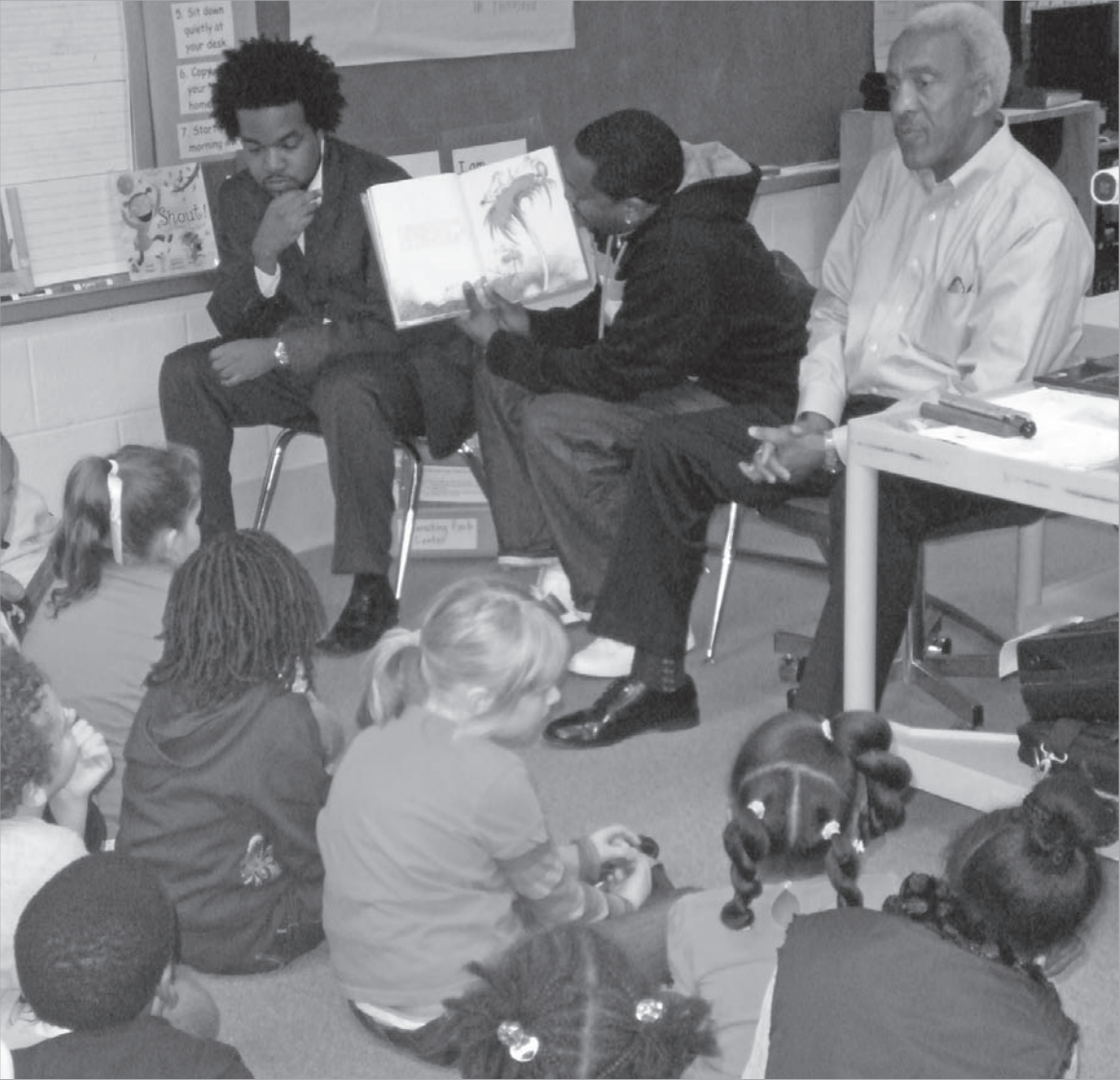
“The Medicaid expansion will now allow many more people with lower incomes to obtain health care coverage in Maryland,” said Reginald McNeill, principal of Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

The campaign radio ad will run on five Washington Metro radio stations and features O’Malley and Samuels. It directs uninsured Marylanders to dial 211 for information on the new Medicaid coverage.

“This new health care expansion is terrific for the people of Maryland,” said Samuels. “We at the Redskins will do all we can to help Governor O’Malley get the message out that all folks have to do is call 211 to get enrolled.”

In addition to providing access for parents and caretakers of dependent children, Medicaid is now available to adults without children whose annual household income is also 116 percent of the Federal Poverty Level and who are not enrolled in Medicare.

The PSA campaign is supported by AARP, the Maryland Health Care for All! Coalition, CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield and the Maryland Hospital Association.



From left to right, Mike Bennett, Edward Parker and Donald Martin read Dr. Seuss to the students in Ms. Kueffner’s second grade class.



Greenbelt residents continue to wait in the rain for their free flu shot at the Springhill Lake health fair.

Rain Does Not Deter Attendance At Greenbelt Health Fair Part II

by Tami Le

Christine Chalas stood in the rain holding an umbrella for her two friends on October 15 at 12:15 p.m. as they waited in line for free flu shots at Springhill Lake Elementary School. Chalas did not need a flu shot but came as company to her friends who had been waiting in the rain for 15 minutes at the Greenbelt Health Fair Part II.

When they arrived at noon, the health fair’s scheduled starting time, 15 people already were in front of them. Many people had arrived before noon and were forming a line inside for the flu shot, which Chalas said would normally cost \$35, even with health insurance.

Part II of Greenbelt’s Health Fair’s emphasis on free flu shots received so much attention that 12 police officers and three news stations were present. Camera-men and news anchors from WUSA-9, CTV and NBC-4, came to interview people who were waiting in the rain, as well as those who had received their shots after waiting outside for an hour.

Additional Officers Needed

The crowd was so sizable that Captain Tom Kemp of the Greenbelt Police Department said they had to “send for additional officers for traffic and pedestrian patrol.” The police department also spoke to officials at Empirian Village, the nearby apartment complex, about

suspending towing for the day so people could park their cars for the fair.

Originally, the Prince George’s County Health Department (PGCHD), which provided the vaccines, had advertised for only 200 free seasonal flu shots. However, “over the last week they decided to do the H1N1 because of the demand,” said Judith Joseph, one of eight nurses from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, who were administering the vaccinations.

PGCHD ended up ordering 400 seasonal flu vaccines and 2,000 H1N1 vaccines for the Greenbelt Health Fair. Based on reports on October 16 from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), flu activity is widespread in 41 U.S. states, which is unusual for September and October.

H1N1

According to CDC, symptoms of H1N1 include fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people have also reported nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea.

Felicia Lanford, one of the nurses administering the vaccinations locally, said, “It’s good that you see people are getting both instead of just the H1N1.”

However, to some, the H1N1 shot was not of top concern. John Lemus, who came just for the seasonal flu shot, did not want to take the shot for H1N1

because he worried his body would react to it. He said, “My concern is if I’m okay to take the shot or not.”

Luisa Robles, who hasn’t gotten the flu in six years, came for the flu shot but said she is not worried about H1N1. She said “I try to wash my hands, am really careful in public, try not to rub my eyes or touch my face.”

According to CDC, H1N1 is spread the same way as the seasonal flu, mainly through coughs and sneezes but may also spread by touching infected areas and then touching one’s mouth or nose.

In addition to Robles’ precautions, CDC and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) have also suggested people cover their nose and mouth with a tissue when they sneeze or cough, stay informed, stay home if they’re sick and also avoid touching their nose or mouth.

Based on reports by the HHS, a total of 257 people with H1N1 have been hospitalized in Maryland as of October 15.

Vaccine Availability

John Henry Jones, 81, came to the health fair at 12:30 p.m. Originally he had to wait in the rain but was let in because of his age. Due to his age he could not get the H1N1 vaccination.

Although the U.S. government ordered 250 million doses of 2009 H1N1 – enough for every-

one in the country to get vaccinated – only limited number of doses have been available so far. As a result, the vaccine will only be given initially to those considered “high-risk.”

High-risk individuals include pregnant women, persons who live with or provide for infants, health-care and emergency medical services person-

Health Fair I Draws Crowd For Shots, Health Services

by Tami Le

With the rising cost of health services, the growing number of people without insurance in America and the early arrival of the seasonal flu in Maryland this year, many people took advantage of the health services offered in Greenbelt on Tuesday morning, October 13. More than 80 people gathered at the Greenbelt Community Center’s gymnasium for the 10th Annual Community Health Fair between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. that day. About 25 organizations set up tables filled with pamphlets, stickers, flyers, pens, keychains and other freebies but the heaviest crowds formed where health services were offered.

Two tables were set up by the entrance for CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield offering free vision screening and 10 minute massages, which a couple of attendees were already taking advantage of by 10:15 a.m.

Across the gym Fredy Herrera and Hoa Nguyen, both staff in Greenbelt’s Public Works Department, were among the six people in line for the free cholesterol screening given by Doctors Community Hospital. Herrera decided to get his cholesterol checked because, he said, “I guess I never get it checked.” This was a good opportunity for him to get it free on a work day. Nguyen, who arrived at 10:30, had a list and the two planned to go through everything. While they were waiting, a friend rushed over to tell them about a stress ball that he got at one of the stations.

Foot Massage

Over at the reflexology table, Joan Mouldsdale, who arrived at 10 a.m. and had already gotten her free cholesterol screening, sat waiting her turn. “This looks really relaxing,” Mouldsdale said of the free foot massage that Glenda Bullock-Willis was giving, “that’s why I’m waiting.” Her list included getting a blood pressure test and bone density screening. She even brought her previous test results. Mouldsdale said she is really grateful Greenbelt offers these opportunities and called the bone density screening the “main thing” on her list.

Flu Shots

In fact, representatives for the Washington Adventist Hospital, which was in charge of the bone density screening, were at the fair the whole time. But their sign was hidden behind the crowds of people who were lining up for the other service they

were providing: the seasonal flu shot. Two administrators and two nurses from the Washington Adventist Hospital sat at tables to administer flu shots. To many the flu shot only available for the first 50 people, was the main event of the health fair. Christal Batey, the Greenbelt community resource advocate in charge of the service, had arrived at 9:30 a.m. and said there were already 10 people lined up outside the door for a flu shot before 10 a.m. The representatives who were already inside the gym setting up for their different organizations got their shots first.

By 10:20 a.m., the gym was filled with about 56 people, 43 of them in line for the flu shot. Bunny Fitzgerald, a Greenbelt senior volunteering at the fair, passed out numbers and forms for those in line for the flu shot. The vaccination was free for those with Medicare and \$25 for everyone else. Fitzgerald said it was unfortunate that they could only give flu shots to 50 people. By 11 a.m., 50 people had already signed up for the flu shot and the latecomers had to be turned away.

Lynn Faulconer, who was number 38 in line, echoed Fitzgerald’s sentiments when he said it was a good idea to get his shot for a little cheaper but “the only bad thing is they only have 50 this year.”

Five seniors from the Community Center had signed up to volunteer for the flu shot section of the fair. However, the vaccine supply was exhausted so quickly that the second shift didn’t have to work. “I think because of the influence of swine flu, people are more proactive about taking shots,” said Batey.

The Washington Adventist Hospital comes to the Greenbelt health fair every year to administer flu shots but this is the first time there were so many people interested, causing them to give all vaccines within the first hour. “This year demand is high and supply is low,” said Felicia Addo, the community health coordinator for Adventist. The organization had ordered 10 percent more than they had last year but the order was placed in January, before the swine flu hit and they hadn’t expected to need more vaccines.

Several other clinics, which can be found at www.helpstop-theflu.com, will offer flu shots for \$25.



People fill out paper work for the flu shot and wait at the first station.

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The Orfei Ensemble sings a Bulgarian song for the Greenbelt audience at the Community Center.

Bulgarian Art, Music Was Theme For the October Artful Afternoon

by Tami Le

The Orfei Vocal Ensemble, Washington’s premier Balkan women’s vocal group, gave the Greenbelt community a short introductory lesson in Eastern European craft making, singing and dancing at the October 4 Artful Afternoon event in the Community Center. Between 1 and 3 p.m., the ensemble taught a group of more than 15 adults and children how to make traditional belts, headdresses and “martinit-sas,” a type of Bulgarian good luck symbol.

The martinitsas are “always red and white and they wear them all through March,” said Anne Gardner, an arts education specialist who volunteered to help with the crafts. In Bulgaria, people would hang these charms on a tree on the first day of spring for good luck. Those at the Greenbelt Community Center, however, pinned their charms to articles of clothing and wore their belts and headdresses.

“I learned something,” said Carl Tucker, a Hyattsville native, as he showed off his martinitsas pinned to his bag. Although

Tucker does not live in Greenbelt, he enjoys attending the monthly mini art festival. “It was something different and I enjoyed the singing,” said Tucker.

Tucker was part of a crowd of more than 40 people who attended the Balkan and Bulgarian singing and dancing segment, which followed the crafts session. Tatiana Sarbinska, artistic director of the ensemble, led the seven-member all-female singing group which was accompanied by an accordion player.

Mike Livingston, who came out to support his wife, Heather, said, “I hear her practicing at home but it’s different to see the whole ensemble.” The group performed a few numbers in full Bulgarian costume and had printouts for the audience to sing along. Sarbinska said she likes to involve the audience.

Arnold Glick, a senior citizen who attends a folk dance class at the Community Center, eagerly participated in the Bulgarian dancing and said, “It was very nice.” He read about the Artful Afternoon in the Greenbelt News

Review and decided to come out for the first time.

Orfei Group

Nicole DeWald, artistic director for Greenbelt’s Artful Afternoon, discovered Orfei at a Howard County showcase awhile back and decided to invite the group to Greenbelt. The group has been performing throughout the Washington, D.C., and Maryland area, this being their fourth event this fall.

All members are from this general area, except for Sarbinska, a Balkan vocalist from Bulgaria who founded the group three and a half years ago. She leads two other choruses and commutes between Boston and Washington, D.C. to direct her groups.

Orfei is auditioning for more members. Their ideal group size is nine to 12 members. While most members have had some exposure to Eastern European languages, it’s not a requirement for membership. Neither is dancing ability.

“Don’t ask me to dance and sing at the same time,” said Courtney Deines-Jones, when asked if all members needed to learn Bulgarian dance as well.

But singers who wish to audition need to be female and to have had musical experience. Even with exposure to the language, Bulgarian singing can be difficult and challenging. “I’ve sung before but not like this,” said Heather Livingston, a new member of the group, which rehearses every Monday in Washington. Orfei toured Bulgaria in late 2007 and expects to go back again next year. While members of Orfei all have different life experiences and different jobs, when they come together, “They’re all the same” said Sarbinska. “Everybody brings something here.”



Children come out to make Bulgarian headdresses at the October Artful Afternoon.

Artists Take Break; Share Differences for an Afternoon

by Tami Le

At the October 4 Artful Afternoon at the Greenbelt Community Center, several artists-in-residence and one visiting artist took a break from their work to display and talk about their art. Each month Nicole DeWald, arts coordinator, introduces a new artist to the Greenbelt community.

This month’s artist was Sasha Blanton. Blanton, who has had shows in Washington, D.C., and New York, came to Greenbelt for the first time.

Blanton displayed 12 pieces from his human subjects collection around the walls of the gallery at the Community Center. A table with crackers and apple cider sat on one side of the room, where both art connoisseurs and amateurs could come and meet the artist.

All pieces from this collection were created of oil paint on wood panel.

Blanton, who prefers to work on pieces in the classical mode, described this collection as art in the past, with a culture in the past, broken in time. “These works are from the last five years,” said Blanton.

Each was unique in texture and form. Blanton has a special way of bringing character to each of his pieces: he will build up layers of paint, then tear them back down by scraping at them like an archeologist. “To truly make it beautiful,” said Blanton, “you have to break it.”

Other Artists

Directly upstairs from Blanton’s exhibition were classrooms filled with art from current artists-in-residence at the Greenbelt Community Center. These artists spend 30 hours a month working in their shared studios, prepare one Artful Afternoon program during the year and open up their work space to the public once a month. During this time people can come in to meet the artists and browse, discuss and buy their artwork.

In studio 303 sat one of the current artists-in-residence, Russ Little. He said he first heard about an opening for a studio

from Mary Gawlik, another artist-in-residence at the Greenbelt Community Center who attends the same church he does. “It was a really big step for me,” said Little of his decision to apply.

One challenge he faced here was developing a lesson plan to plan one of the Artful Afternoons last year. He had people bring clothes, which they turned into art. Little said he thought people would be tentative about being creative but he “was really amazed at what people did.”

Little shares the studio with two other artists, Sherill Gross and Tom Baker. “I get to have a place completely devoted to art and good colleagues to work with,” said Little, who specializes in fiber art, art quilts and wearable art. He had his art quilts hung up on the wall in one corner while his wearable art hung on hangers behind his work station.

Next to Little’s quilts was Baker’s life-size painting of an image of his mother. He said it started out as a portrait but has become an icon of women. In the picture, the woman depicted is one of “all races,” Baker said.

She has African feet, European hands and an Asian face. The woman is surrounded by poinsettias, an image Baker said he received while praying. Because Baker believes in being inspired and working spontaneously, his work is one in progress.

When he is not teaching art at Gonzaga High School in Washington, D.C., Baker works on his mixed media and collage art at the studio. “I try to keep my hand in different media because it is helpful for teaching,” Baker said.

Painting is a very spiritual and contemplative process for Baker. He said he tries to be experimental and prayerful when he works.

Other current artists in residence include clay artists Karen Arrington and Lorraine DiPietro; Gina Mai Denn, who does pottery; Celestine Ranney-Howes, who works with fabric art, and Kathy Karlson, who focuses on fine painting.



Adults and children at the Community Center make “maritsas,” a Bulgarian good luck charm.

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Dinosaur Park in Muirkirk has been the site of numerous fossil finds and represents millions of years of Prince George's County history from the Cretaceous Period (144 to 65 million years ago), when dinosaurs roamed the Earth, to the early Iron Industry of Maryland spanning the 1650s to the 1920s. This includes the development of the African American iron workers community of Rossville, to the brick making industry from the early to late 20th century and finally today's modern Brick Yard Development by Jackson Shaw.

Muirkirk became known as an area to find dinosaur bones in the 1850s when ironworkers from the Muirkirk Furnace began finding "strange bones" in the iron ore pits. Maryland state geologist Phillip Thomas Tyson took the bones to a meeting of the Maryland Academy of Science where they were recognized as dinosaur teeth.

Since then many other dinosaur bones and fossils, including early flowering plants, have been found by Greenbelter Butch Norden and his son John in the Muirkirk clay deposits, many at Dinosaur Park. One six-foot-long bone found at the site is now at the Smithsonian. They are the most significant deposits of dinosaur and plant fossils anywhere east of the Mississippi and place Prince George's County on the geological map.

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Museum Holds Wright Brothers Exhibit

Now through the end of November the College Park Aviation Museum offers an exhibit entitled, "Amid Cheers of Thousands" – The Wright Military Flyer at Fort Myer and College Park, 1909–2009.

This exhibit presents large-scale, detailed photographs of the Wright Brothers' record-breaking flight trials at Fort Myer, Va., and pilot training at College Park 100 years ago. These successes resulted in the world's first military airplane and the establishment of College Park as an airfield. Drawn from several collections, the details of the images reveal the many facets of this milestone such as the innovative flyer, the Wright Brothers and their family, Signal Corps officers flying for the first time and the President of the United States, his cabinet, leaders of Congress and thousands of citizens from the Washington, D.C. area, who came to witness history. The exhibition is organized by College Park Aviation Museum and Paul Glenshaw and is free with regular museum admission.

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up the seriousness of declining enrollment and that two years ago he initiated a monthly school stewardship collection to bring additional funds to the school.

The Archdiocese representatives were asked if they could assist financially but they indicated that no additional funds were available for the school and that many schools were in need of additional financial assistance. There were practical questions about how much it would cost to keep the school building open even without students. Fr. Tappe said the school building would still be used for religious education of students attending public schools.

Reality

Some parents sensed that the school really could close. They were concerned that if students went to St. Joseph's the families would start considering it their parish. This led to an idea to investigate the possibility of having some grades of a new regional school at St. Hugh's and the other grades at St. Joseph's. Other parents stressed the need to give St. Hugh's a few more years to increase its enrollment. One mother commented on "what a happy place" the school is. She felt that there may be more

families in the area once more employees move to Fort Meade.

A number of parents were also concerned about the fate of St. Hugh's teachers and wanted to be sure they would have the first chance of any open positions at a new regional school. Sue O'Brien, assistant principal, commented that the teachers and staff felt that a merger would be the best solution for the children, even though it meant that many of the teachers might lose their jobs.

In response to a question about decision making Fr. Tappe indicated that the final decision is his. However, he said that no decision has yet been made regarding merging, stating "It's not a done deal; it's an exploration that holds great promise." In the meanwhile, the Save Our School committee will continue to meet.

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Aviation Museum Rib-making Class

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Free Wright Bros. Film Screening

On Sunday, October 25 at 1 p.m. the College Park Aviation Museum will screen the final movie in its "Get It Wright" film series. Learn about the Wright Brothers and the first controlled-airplane flight. This week's film is "Wright Brothers' Flying Machine." The movie is free with museum admission.

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From September 12 through July 18, 2010, the National Museum of Natural History will host the exhibit “Since Darwin: The Evolution of Evolution.” It marks the 200th anniversary of the publication of Darwin’s groundbreaking “On the Origin of Species” and focuses on the significant role that Darwin’s theories have played in explaining and unifying all the biological sciences.

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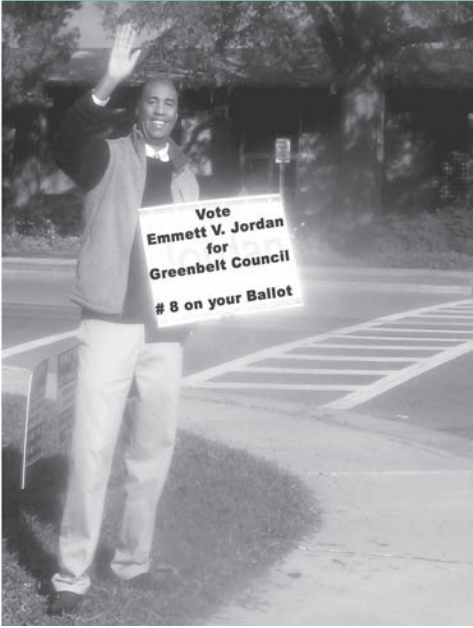
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- Cultivate a unified community, where people throughout the city are engaged and active. Preserve the character of our neighborhoods and make sure any new development enhances that character. Protect our natural resources and expand our open space.
- Make it safer to walk and bike in our community: Improve transportation connections within and between neighborhoods.
- Work with commercial Greenbelt as partners and friends. Build our tax base to sustain our quality of life. Promote our city as a great location for “green businesses”.
- Face difficult budget choices with creativity. Seek out new funding sources. Explore partnerships with our neighboring cities and the county to hold taxes down and maintain vital services.

People who know me say I am a hard worker who takes on challenges in meaningful ways. I am open-minded, a good listener, and will make thoughtful decisions on your behalf. With your support, I will work to make progressive choices for our city.

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